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**Subject: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE
KU KLUX KLAN**

December 11, 1959

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To: SAC, Atlanta (157-60)

From: Director, FBI

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**KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.
RACIAL MATTERS**

The following AP wire was read on Station WRC,
Washington, D. C., at 8:30 a.m., 12-9-59.

"A recently chartered Ku Klux Klan organization
in Georgia announces in Atlanta that it will seek to
establish chapters throughout the United States. The group,
the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Incorporated, says the
organization is nonprofit and listed its purpose as
benevolence and charity."

Atlanta should advise Bureau what information has
been developed concerning the newly chartered organization.
Also a check of public records should be made to ascertain
if such an organization has been incorporated. in the
State of Georgia. Reply by 12-17-59.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, ATLANTA (157-new)

SUBJECT : KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX
KLAN, INC.
RACIAL MATTERS

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Enclosed herewith to the Bureau are seven copies of letterhead memorandum regarding above-captioned matter, one copy being sent to neighboring offices for information purposes in that this new Klan group may attempt to organize in states adjoining the State of Ga.



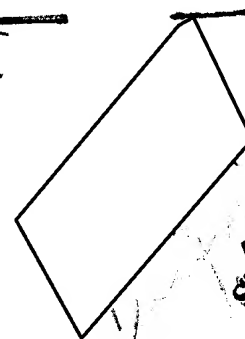
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. 157

Atlanta, Georgia
December 16, 1959

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KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.
RACIAL MATTERS

Confidential Informant [] advised on November 28, 1959, that [] U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., stated on November 25, 1959, that he had received information that a [] had obtained an application for a charter for a new Klan group from the office of the Secretary of State, Atlanta, Georgia.

Confidential Informant [] advised on November 25, 1959, that [] stated that he had learned that [] of the Jonesboro Unit of the U. S. Klans, was head of the group attempting to impeach [] [] stated further that [] also an official of the Jonesboro Klavern, was involved in the conspiracy and had contacted [] Georgia State [] of the U. S. Klans, and asked him if he would accept the position of [] [], which [] refused.

[] advised on November 30, 1959, that [] [] called a special meeting of Klan officials on November 28, 1959. According to [] conducted the meeting, and in his opening remarks said "We have traitors which are trying to tear up the Klan from within". [] said that [] gave a lengthy talk on splinter groups attempting to cause disunity in the U. S. Klans, and finally [] asked [] his reasons for obtaining an application for a new Klan group. [] replied that he thought two groups could fight for the same thing without being enemies. [] added, however, that he thought the matter had gone as far as it was going, according to []

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KLAN, INC.

[] gained the impression that a petition for a charter had not been filed up to this time. [] explained to [] that to file for a charter for a new group would be against the Constitution of the U. S. Klans, and would mean that he was failing to keep his oath to uphold the U. S. Klans. [] stated that [] said he had the Klan at heart, and "was not mad with anyone", and offered to resign from the U. S. Klans. [] accepted [] resignation, and [] left the Klavern.

[] stated also at the above meeting [] read an order of banishment for [] a weekly newspaper published in Decatur, Georgia. [] told the group that [] was banished forever from the U. S. Klans as he had become affiliated with [] and a Klan organization which [] is trying to organize. [] also stated that [] could be reinstated only through the Imperial Office.

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[] advised on December 3, 1959, that at a Klan meeting held by the Union City, Georgia Unit, U. S. Klans, on December 1, 1959, there was heated discussion concerning the resignation of [] [] stated that several Klansmen resigned from the U. S. Klans at this meeting, including []

[] advised on December 5, [] that at a Klan meeting held in Atlanta on December 3, 1959, [] told the group he was quitting the U. S. Klans as [] was not protecting its membership, and had done nothing to refute allegations made against him. [] referred to the following article, which appeared in the December 3, 1959 edition of "The Suburban Sentinel" described above:

RE: KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX
KLAN, INC.

"IMPOSTER KLAN OPERATING IN
GEORGIA ONE MAN KLAN HEADED
BY EDWARDS

"The U. S. Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Georgia, headed by one E. L. EDWARDS is no more the KKK than a high school dance.

"Upon investigation it has been learned that E. L. EDWARDS is sole owner of the organization, and it has been alleged that in order to keep from being placed on the Subversive list that he has turned over the names and addresses of every member to the Attorney General of the United States. If this alleged information is a fact, it ties in with the recent expose of EDWARDS by the Georgia Tribune.

"We have heard the remark many times that the U. S. Knights of the Ku Klux Klan was no more than impersonators of the original KKK. It has been alleged and proven that EDWARDS has no plans to help prevent the race mixing of the schools and it was a well known fact that the original KKK had a definite plan to prevent any Klansmen's child from ever going to a mixed school.

"The Georgia Tribune of October 29, 1959 said he had turned over a photostatic copy of the members applications to the Atomic Energy plant in Knoxville, Tenn., and that men were about to lose their jobs because of it.

"We do know one thing-- the organization has not paid this newspaper and some other newspapers for advertising.

"It seems a shame that the American people have been misled by this man into believing that he had the original KKK when he does not approach it in any form.

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KLAN, INC.

"The original KKK had definite programs, and knew what they were doing, and usually completed any program that they had.

"The original K.K.K. stood prepared to set up private schools anytime they were needed.

"A suit by ELDON L. EDWARDS vs. Association of South Carolina Klans, which was tried before Judge C. C. WYCHE at Spartanburg, S. C., May 26, 1959:

"Validity of EDWARDS claim of copyright denied by order No. C. A. 6562 said order holding among other things that he acted as a mere copyist and therefore was not an author. That the mere aggregating of old material does not amount to ordinary skill sufficient to authorize a copyright.

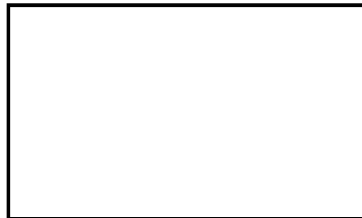
"In plain English, EDWARDS does not have a copyrighted KLORAN, as what he actually had tried to do was to change the original KLORAN around. Using a small amount of the original with his own ideas. This places present members of the U. S. Knights of the KKKK as actually not being members of the KKK, as he has never established Knighthood in the order and his men could not qualify for Knighthood as they have not been members of the KKK. Therefore his organization is an imposter organization, without knowledge of Klan Kraft."

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[] at the meeting on [], stated if the above story were not true, [] should have prevented it from being published. According to [] the following Klansmen walked out of this meeting:

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All of the above men turned in their Klan card. according to [redacted] stated that [redacted] stayed through the meeting, but threw his card on the desk, and walked out at the close of the meeting.

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[redacted] stated that [redacted] said he had to reprimand [redacted] for holding unauthorized Klan motorcades, and shooting firearms on the public highways. [redacted] had worked hard to build several Klaverns, and now apparently wanted to take them over. According to [redacted] stated before he left that [redacted] had worked hard to build up the Jonesboro Unit, was very sincere in his work, and had increased the membership to about two hundred and fifty.

[redacted] advised on December 16, 1959, that [redacted] stated on December 15, 1959, that he was entering a suit against [redacted]. According to [redacted] said he realized he would receive no financial gains from these suits as the defendants had no money, but said it would do a lot of good.

On December 15, 1959, [redacted], [redacted] Capitol, Atlanta, Georgia, made his file available concerning a charter for the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc.

[redacted] have furnished reliable information in the past.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 1/28/60

FROM SAC, ATLANTA (157-60)

SUBJECT: ~~MEMBERS OF THE~~ KU KLUX KLAN, INC.
RACIAL MATTERSALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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Remyairtel to Bureau, 12/17/59.

For the information of New York, this communication sets forth details concerning the granting of a charter in Fulton County, Georgia to captioned organization 12/7/59. The petitioners were former members of the U.S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., according to informants, except [redacted] who was unknown to informants. [redacted] who apparently spearheaded the drive for a new group, was Exalted Cyclops of the Jonesboro, Ga. Klavern of the U. S. Klans. The Petitioners were listed as follows.

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Informants advise that [redacted] has banished all members of the U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., who affiliated with captioned organization.

[redacted] advised on 12/10/59 that [redacted] said [redacted] was booked on a drunk charge at Jonesboro, Ga. on 6/30/59 and at the time he was arrested, he was accompanied by a "gangster from New York" who had been in the Federal Penitentiary and also by a young woman from New York. All were arrested on drunk charges, according to informant.

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[redacted] advised on 1/4/60 [redacted] went by the jail at Jonesboro, Georgia and through a contact unknown to informant, verified the above arrest. [redacted] stated that he felt [redacted] was getting money from some other source and was making an attempt to break-up the U. S. Klans.

Due to [redacted] apparent contact at the jail and the poor records maintained, it was not deemed advisable to make an open inquiry regarding this particular arrest. However, on 1/19/60, SA [redacted] requested Clayton County Police Chief HOWARD SMITH to review the records at Jonesboro, Ga. for information concerning the four persons listed above. Chief SMITH advised that he found no record for [redacted] but that [redacted] Jonesboro, Ga. was arrested 6/30/59 for driving under the influence. [redacted] was accompanied by [redacted] of Wickatunk, N.J. and [redacted] New York City, both of whom were charged with being drunk and disorderly. [redacted] were here to visit [redacted] who is in the USP, Atlanta, and who is also [redacted] according to Chief SMITH. Chief SMITH said the case against [redacted] is still pending, but that [redacted] were released, each making a \$28 bond 6/30/59.

SA [redacted] reviewed the records of the U. S. Penitentiary, Atlanta on 1/20/60 and found that [redacted] Atlanta Penitentiary [redacted] is the [redacted] and that both [redacted] had visited [redacted]. The records indicated the address of [redacted] to be [redacted] Brooklyn, N. Y.

The circumstances surrounding the meeting of [redacted] is unknown and it is further unknown whether or not the meeting had anything to do with the organizing of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., or whether or not [redacted] obtained funds from this couple. No descriptions available as [redacted]

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[redacted] BROOKLYN, N. Y. will through the usual sources of information obtain background information concerning [redacted] in an effort to determine if he has an interest in captioned organization financially or otherwise.

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NOTE:

Miami airtel 2-16-60 advised at state meeting of
Knights of KKK four men from Georgia who attended
the meeting invited [redacted] and his state officers to
attend meeting of Klansmen from all over the South to be
held in Atlanta, Georgia, 2-27-60. Purpose of meeting to
attempt to unite all Klan groups and to [redacted]
[redacted] U. S. Klans, Knights of the KKK, Inc.
Knights of the KKK, Inc. is an organization newly organized
by [redacted] Jonesboro Unit,
U. S. Klans, KKKK, Inc., who resigned to form above-
captioned group. It is believed desirable to have informant
coverage at this meeting.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI SACS MIAMI AND KNOXVILLE
FROM SAC, ATLANTA 1P

KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC., RM. REMYAIRTEL DECEMBER SEVENTEEN
NINETEEN, FIFTYNINE CONCERNING CHARTER INSTANT ORGANIZATION AND
COMMUNICATIONS OTHER OFFICES CONCERNING PROPOSED MEETING OF SEVERAL
KLAN GROUPS, OTHER THAN U. S. KLANS, IN ATLANTA NEXT WEEKEND.

KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, [REDACTED] HAS RESERVATIONS FOR
SAMPLE ROOMS THREE HUNDRED, THREE HUNDRED ONE AND THREE HUNDRED TWO
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NEXT AND EIGHT AM TO NOON FEBRUARY TWENTYEIGHT NEXT. ESTIMATED
ATTENDANCE SEVENTYFIVE, COST SEVENTYFIVE DOLLARS. CAPTIONED GROUP
CONTINUES IN ORGANIZATION STAGE ACCORDING TO INFORMANT. ONE [REDACTED]

CLAN INFORMANT [REDACTED] NOT EXPECTED TO
ATTEND WEEKEND MEETING. ALL OTHER CLAN INFORMANTS REMAINED WITH
[REDACTED] GROUP AT REQUEST THIS
OFFICE. BUREAU AUTHORITY REQUESTED FOR MIAMI INFORMANT TO ATTEND
MEETING. ATLANTA INFORMANT STATES DIXIE CLAN GROUP OF CHATTANOOGA,
TENN. SCHEDULED TO ATTEND. KNOXVILLE WILL ADVISE IF INFORMANT THIS
GROUP AVAILABLE. OTHER SOUTHERN OFFICES ADVISED BY AIRMAIL.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM : SAC, ATLANTA (157-60)
SUBJECT : KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.
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For the information of Dallas, Richmond, Little Rock, New Orleans, and Louisville, which offices did not receive copies of reairtel, [redacted]

[redacted] of the U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., had a disagreement with certain of his Klan members, particularly, with [redacted]

[redacted] of the Jonesboro, Ga. Klavern of the U. S. Klans. As a result, the following men obtained a charter through the Superior Court of Fulton County, Ga. on 12/7/59, in the name of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc.:

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2 - Birmingham RM
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All except [redacted] were known to be very active in the Jonesboro Unit of the Association of Georgia Klans. The obtaining of this charter resulted in [redacted] banishing the petitioners from the U. S. Klans, and all members of the U. S. Klans who later affiliated with the new group were also banished by [redacted]. Informants are of the opinion that a very small number left the U. S. Klans.

Among those banished was [redacted] [redacted] in DeKalb County, Ga. [redacted] was very pro-U. S. Klans until he had some difficulty with [redacted] and has been very anti-U. S. Klans through his newspaper since that time. [redacted] has spoken very favorably of the Federated Klans of Ala. and Citizens Council type groups.

[redacted] orally advised on 2/23/60 that [redacted] advised that there would be a meeting of many Klan groups in Atlanta on February 27 and 28, 1960, and that these groups would attempt to unite in opposition to [redacted] of the U. S. Klans. [redacted] told informant that he was now working for [redacted] of the Alabama Klans, and felt that [redacted] was one of the most intelligent men in the country, and should be head of the combined Klan groups.

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According to informant [redacted] said that he was no longer affiliated with [redacted] of Columbus, Ga. as [redacted] wanted to be head of his own group rather than affiliate with other Klan groups. [redacted] indicated to informant that [redacted] who has organized several Klan type organizations, would not be present at this meeting. Informant stated that the meeting on the coming Saturday and Sunday would be held in the Henry Grady Hotel in Atlanta. Informant further advised that [redacted] stated [redacted] of Dallas; Texas, would represent Klan groups in that area.

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On 2/23/60, [redacted] Henry Grady Hotel, Atlanta, advised that the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, [redacted] Atlanta, Ga., telephone [redacted] had reserved meeting rooms 300, 301, and 302 from 5:00 p.m. to 12 midnight on Saturday, 2/27/60, and from 8:00 a.m. to noon on Sunday, 2/28/60, under the column headed "Number Expected" was listed 25 for each room. The cost of each room on each day was listed as \$25.00.

A casual examination of this section of the hotel on 2/24/60, revealed that meeting room #300 is on one side of the hall, and the other two rooms are across the hall, none of the rooms being connected. The rooms are all fairly large size, and it is believed they could easily accommodate more than twenty-five persons.

[redacted] orally advised on 2/24/60, that [redacted] in discussing the above meeting at the Henry Grady Hotel, indicated he had a great distrust for [redacted] and further indicated that while he would be allowed to attend this consolidation meeting, they did not expect to allow him to affiliate. Further, that [redacted] said that [redacted] had been invited to attend, but had not indicated a desire to attend. [redacted] indicated to informant that [redacted] ARP of Chattanooga, Tenn., would be present and further indicated that he felt [redacted] with his Tenn. and North and South Carolina groups would be the logical man to head this new group.

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This informant further stated orally that [] has spent considerable money for Klan forms and robes, but that no organized meetings have been started by this group as they continue in a period of organization. Numerous correspondence from surrounding offices indicate that several Klan groups will be represented in Atlanta for the weekend meeting.

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All receiving offices should alert informants for any information indicating a representative from a Klan type organization is planning on attending this meeting.

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TO SACS KNOXVILLE
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DATE 9-16-88 BY SP8HJ/fak

FROM DIRECTOR FBI

KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC., RM. BUREAU AUTHORITY

GRANTED FOR KNOXVILLE INFORMANT TO ATTEND MEETING

FEBRUARY TWENTY SEVEN, ATLANTA, GEORGIA. KNOXVILLE

ADVISE BUREAU AND ATLANTA IDENTITY OF KNOXVILLE INFORMANT

WHO WILL ATTEND MEETING OF CAPTIONED ORGANIZATION.

ALSO ADVISE AS TO INFORMANT'S PLANS TO CONTACT ATLANTA E

OFFICE IF NECESSARY AND IF ADDITIONAL EXPENSE WILL BE

NECESSARY.

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NOTE: A meeting of all Klan groups to be held in Atlanta, Georgia,
February 27, 1960. Purpose to attempt to unite all Klan groups
and to exile [redacted] U. S. Klans, Knights of
the KKK, Inc. Atlanta requested Knoxville Office to advise if informant
available to attend meeting. Informant coverage desirable for this meeting.

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APPROVED BY [signature]

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TO DIRECTOR AND SAC ALTANA

FROM SAC KNOXVILLE 252055

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0 KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC., RM. KNOXVILLE INFORMANT,
 WHO IS [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] THE SCHEDULED MEETING ATLANTA [REDACTED]
 HOWEVER, KNOXVILLE INFORMANT MEMBER OF U.S. KLANS, KKKK, INC.,
 WHO HAS BEEN INVITED TO JOIN INSTANT ORGANIZATION, PLANS TO
 ATTEND THIS MEETING, [REDACTED], AND WILL AFFORD COVERAGE.

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Mr. Belmont ✓
Mr. Callahan ✓
Mr. DeLoach ✓
Mr. Malone ✓
Mr. McGuire ✓
Mr. Rosen ✓
Mr. Tamm ✓
Mr. Trotter ✓
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Mr. Ingram ✓
Miss Gandy ✓

URGENT 2-25-60 9-30 AM SK

TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, ATLANTA

FROM SAC, MIAMI 2P

RACIAL MATTERS

BUREAU TELETYPES

KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC., RM. RE ATLANTA AND BUTELS,

[REDACTED] RACIAL INFORMANT [REDACTED]
TWENTYFOURTH LAST. [REDACTED] ADVISED

YESTERDAY [REDACTED] AND ABOUT [REDACTED]

KLANSMEN FROM ST. PETERSBURG, FLA. AREA GOING BY AUTO TO ATLANTA

[REDACTED] RACIAL INFORMANT [REDACTED]
TWENTYSIXTH NEXT. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WILL STAY HENRY GRADY HOTEL. [REDACTED]

REQUESTED INFORMANT [REDACTED]

WILL ARRIVE ABOUT [REDACTED] OKEECHOBEE, FLA.,

AND SEVERAL OTHERS WILL FLY TO ATLANTA MORNING TWENTYSEVENTH IN

TWO PRIVATE PLANES BELONGING TO KLAN MEMBERS. ATLANTA ARRANGE

THROUGH AIRPORT TO GET ALL IDENTIFYING DATA RE THESE PLANES AND

PILOTS, SUTEL TODAY NAME OF SA AND ATLANTA PHONE NUMBER INFORMANT

CAN USE TO MAKE CONTACT IN EVENT OF EMERGENCY. NO CONTACT WILL BE

MADE BY INFORMANT UNLESS NECESSARY, WILL USE

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[REDACTED] BUREAU ~~SUTEL~~ TODAY AUTHORITY TO PAY

INFORMANT [REDACTED] EXTRA EXPENSE MONEY TO COVER
TRANSPORTATION AND HOTEL EXPENSE.

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Miss Gandy _____

URGENT 2-26-60 11-11 AM EVI

TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SACS, ATLANTA AND MIAMI

FROM SAC, CHARLOTTE 1 P

KNIGHTS OF THE KKK, INC. RM. RE ATLANTA TEL TO BUREAU FEB. TWENTYFOUR,

SIXTY. [REDACTED] TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED CHARLOTTE

OFFICE TODAY FROM CLEVELAND, SC, AND ADVISED SPECIAL MEETING OF GRAND

DRAGONS FROM KLAN ORGANIZATIONS TO BE HELD ATLANTA, GA, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] FOR PURPOSES OF ATTEMPTING CONSOLIDATE KLAN

ORGANIZATIONS. FLORIDA KKK [REDACTED] INFORMANT [REDACTED]

ATLANTA [REDACTED]

INFORMANT ESTIMATES

[REDACTED] CHARLOTTE RECOMMENDS BUREAU AUTHORIZE EXPENSES OF TRIP DUE

TO INFORMANT-S POSITION AND FACT [REDACTED] INFORMANT NOT SCHEDULED TO

ATTEND MEETING. INFORMANT TO RECONTACT CHARLOTTE OFFICE SIX PM TODAY

FOR DECISION RE WHETHER TO ATTEND ATLANTA MEETING IF FLORIDA GRAND

DRAGON [REDACTED] BUREAU SUTEL PRIOR SIX PM

TODAY.

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TO SACS ATLANTA, CHARLOTTE AND MIAMI

FROM DIRECTOR 1P

KNIGHTS OF THE KKK, INC., RACIAL MATTERS. RE CHARLOTTE TEL

TODAY. BUREAU HEREBY AUTHORIZES [REDACTED] FROM WHICH

[REDACTED] PARENTHESIS MAY BE

REIMBURSED FOR EXPENSES ACTUALLY INCURRED IN CONNECTION
WITH PROPOSED TRIP TO ATLANTA, GEORGIA, AS OUTLINED IN RETEL.

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Through our informant [redacted] developed information of a proposed meeting of [redacted] from all southern states to be held in Atlanta, 2/27/60, for the purpose of uniting all [redacted] groups into one organization. Bureau teletype to Miami and Atlanta 2/24/60 authorized Miami to send informant to Atlanta to attend this meeting to supplement coverage by informants in Georgia. This teletype requested Miami advise if additional expense payments to informant would be necessary. Attached teletype advises such additional expenses will be [redacted] for transportation and hotel costs. Miami being advised this expenditure authorized by Bureau.

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DATE 8-16-88 BY SP8 [redacted]

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Date: 2/29/60

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (157-114)

SUBJECT: KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.
RACIAL MATTERS

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Re Charlotte teletype to Director 2/26/60 and
Bureau teletype to Charlotte 2/26/60, authorizing
[redacted]'s trip to Atlanta, 2/27/60.

[redacted] telephonically contacted the
Charlotte Office at six p.m. 2/26/60, at which time he
advised SA [redacted] that he had been contacted
telephonically by [redacted] of Florida on the
afternoon of 2/26/60 and [redacted] told informant that
he might attend the meeting in Atlanta and requested
informant to contact [redacted] of Columbia, South
Carolina.

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Informant further stated that it was his
understanding that a group from Columbia, the Association
of South Carolina Klans, would attend the meeting in
Atlanta on 2/27/60 and that if the Florida group did not
go he would plan to go with the South Carolina group to
attend the meeting.

He was requested to submit a report as soon as
possible after his return from the Atlanta meeting and
stated that he would do so and would submit it to the
Miami Office as he had done in the past.

- 3 - Bureau RM
- 2 - Atlanta (157-60) RM
- 3 - Miami (1 - 100-11349) RM
(1 - Florida KKK) [redacted]
- 2 - Charlotte (1 - 157-114) [redacted]

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The above is being furnished for the information
of the Bureau and the Miami and Atlanta Offices.

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February 26, 1960

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FROM DIRECTOR FBI

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[REDACTED] PARENTHESIS MAY BE

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RETEL.

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NOTE: Meeting of all Klan groups to be held Atlanta, Georgia, 2/27/60.
Purpose is to attempt to unite all Klan groups and to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] U. S. Klans, Knights of the KKK, Inc.

Referenced Charlotte teletype indicates MM 569C (RAC) contacted Charlotte
Office today to advise the Grand Dragon of the Florida KKK desires informant
to meet him in Atlanta for above meeting. Expenses estimated approximately

[REDACTED] Informant is to recontact Charlotte 6:00 P.M. today for answer. It is
noted informant presently employed temporarily in Charlotte territory.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-356370)

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (100-11349)

KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.
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 (OO: MIAMI)

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[redacted] returned Miami 2/29/60. Detailed report re Atlanta meeting of Klans 2/27-28/60 being prepared, will be furnished interested offices within few days. Atlanta meeting decided to have all Klans represented there elect delegates from each state to attend meeting 3/12-13/60 at 2523 Glass St., Chattanooga, Tenn. Delegates at Chattanooga will decide upon organization, administration, affiliation, strategy of new Natl Council of Klans and will plan national convention to be held within 3 weeks after 3/14/60 at Columbia, S.C. Natl convention will vote upon decisions of Chattanooga meeting and will elect Natl Council officers to carrying out administration and strategy to fight integration in South. This new Natl Council of Klans hopes to unite all Klans in fighting front against integration, aided and sponsored by Negroes, Jews and Communists.

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If Chattanooga needs coverage this meeting by [redacted]
[redacted], advise Miami in sufficient time so Bureau authority and
authorized expense money can be secured. [redacted]

[redacted] KKKK, has invited informant to go to Chatta-
nooga with him.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-356570)**FROM: SAC, MIAMI (100-11349)**

KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.
RACIAL MATTERS
(OO: MIAMI)

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Remyairtel 3/1/60.

Enclosed for Bureau are original and 7 copies
 letterhead memo, dated 3/1/60 captioned as above. Two
 copies enclosed for each office receiving this airtel,
 for info.

Source of this info is of Miami.

Careful consideration has been given to source
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 necessary.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Miami, Florida
March 1, 1960

100-11349

Re: Ku Klux Klan Meeting to
Unite All Klans,
Atlanta, Georgia
February 27-28, 1960

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A source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that the following Klan leaders met on February 27 and 28, 1960, at the Henry Grady Hotel, Atlanta, Georgia.

The source arrived in Atlanta Saturday morning, February 27, 1960, and checked into the Henry Grady Hotel.

[redacted]
[redacted] of the Florida Klans which is affiliated with the original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan headed by [redacted]

[redacted] and about ten or twelve others were from Florida who were not identified. There was no one from Miami.

Other states represented were: [redacted]

[redacted]
[redacted] of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan in Atlanta; [redacted]

[redacted] of the Mississippi Klan: [redacted]

[redacted] Dixie Klan,

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Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, [redacted]

[redacted]
[redacted] was representing the Christian Knights of the
Ku Klux Klan on behalf of [redacted]

[redacted]
the Federation of Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

[redacted] to Atlanta with
[redacted] and landed at the old Naval Air Station.

Nothing of importance took place until 5:00 P.M.
on Saturday. The meeting was called to order at 5:10 P.M.
in Room 300 of the Henry Grady Hotel, with [redacted]

[redacted] The meeting was opened with the usual
prayer by [redacted] The chairman explained that the pur-
pose of the meeting was to join together all of the Klans
into the old Original Simmons and Bedford Klan of 1916. The
chairman asked for comment about joining together from those
present and requested them to identify themselves when they
spoke.

[redacted] spoke first. next [redacted]
then [redacted]
[redacted] an unidentified
[redacted] who spoke on behalf of the Citizens
Council and Ku Klux Klan of Alabama under the direction of
[redacted]
[redacted]

Generally speaking, all favored consolidation.
They bickered about minor details about leadership, local
administration and representation, etc. This discussion

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went on until about 11:15 P.M., when the meeting adjourned for one hour and at 12:15 A.M., Sunday, February 28, 1960, the Imperial Officers from each state: Grand Dragons, Assistant Dragons, Secretary-Treasurers and all Imperial Wizards, were to reassemble in Room 1103, the hotel room of [redacted] for the purpose of setting up a national organization structure, decide program and strategy. All others were instructed to reassemble at 9:00 A.M. on February 28, 1960, in Room 300, at which time the leaders would report on progress made toward affiliation and organization of one National Council of Klans.

[redacted] said that in the closed meeting held from 12:15 to 3:30 A.M., attended by state officers of the various Klans, it was decided that wherever a negro problem developed or existed, the newly-formed National Council would give the local police officials two days to straighten the negroes out, or the Klan would move in in force to maintain segregation. If necessary, they would bring Klan members from other states to assist. [redacted] said the leaders could not get together on how to set up the administration of the newly-formed National Council.

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About 9:30 A.M., Sunday, February 28, 1960, the entire group reassembled in Room 300. [redacted] He announced the state leaders had agreed on strategy, but could not agree on how to set up the administration of the new Grand Council. He asked for those present to present their ideas.

Someone from every group spoke and offered various ideas. The result of this discussion was that those present unanimously voted to report to their respective state groups; to arrange for delegates from each state group to be elected; to work out an agreement for affiliation with the new National Klan Council; send delegates to Chattanooga, Tennessee on March 13-14, 1960, to meet at the Klavern meeting place, 2523 Glass Street, Chattanooga.

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The number of delegates was not limited. Affiliation, administration and strategy will be finally completed and formulated at this meeting so that the Klan will be able to present a united fighting front against the "Negro-Communist-Jew conspiracy." They will also form plans and set the date for a national convention of all Klans under the National Council to be held in Columbia, South Carolina, not later than three weeks after the Chattanooga meeting. At the national convention the national officers of the new Grand Council will be elected and the administrative set-up of the Council will be established and voted upon.

This meeting was adjourned and those present returned to their homes.

[] did not realize that J. B. STONER is disliked by these Klan leaders because he is taking foreigners and Catholics into his Klan. Consequently, when XAVIER appeared he was challenged by several Klan leaders who were going to throw him out. He saved himself by claiming affiliation with [] supported him. [] later made a speech about J. B. STONER being a good Jew fighter." This did not rest well with the group because they are fighting integration by negroes and are not fighting the Jews.

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Everyone was instructed by whispers prior to each meeting not to speak in favor of violence because they felt the meeting place was microphoned, and they should use care. Despite this, [] made a statement that anyone aiding or assisting in integration should be grabbed and whipped or killed. [] claimed the FBI was aiding and leading negroes in the current store racial disorder in Chattanooga.

Newspaper men were not allowed to cover the meetings. An NBC television man from Jacksonville, named [] was allowed coverage. He took pictures inside.

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Everyone was well covered with robes and hoods except HENDRIX, JONES, SCOTT and a few others. JONES and HENDRIX spoke for television.

[redacted] proposed that on the last Saturday of March, 1960 (March 26) at 9:00 P.M., all Klans in the 17 Southeastern States arrange to burn crosses wherever possible. This proposal was accepted and agreed upon by those present.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 3/7/60

FROM : SAC, KNOXVILLE (157-28)

SUBJECT: KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC., aka
KKKK, Inc.
RACIAL MATTERS

References: Bureau Radiogram to Knoxville 2/26/60;
Knoxville teletypes to Bureau and Atlanta 2/25/60,
2/26/60; Atlanta airtel to Bureau 2/25/60; Atlanta
teletype to Bureau, Miami, Knoxville 2/24/60; Knoxville
airtel to Bureau and Atlanta 2/19/60.

Enclosed to the Bureau are seven copies of letter-
head memo and seven copies of informant evaluation memo
for this letterhead memo, both dated 3/7/60, at Knox-
ville, in captioned matter. Copies have been dissemi-
nated locally to G-2, ONI, and OSI. Two copies of
this letter with two copies of the letterhead memo
and two copies of informant evaluation memo as en-
closures were submitted to Birmingham, Charlotte,
Cincinnati, Dallas, Jacksonville, Little Rock,
Louisville, Memphis, Miami, Mobile, New Orleans,
Richmond, Savannah, and four copies with eight en-
closures, four copies of letterhead memo and four
copies of informant evaluation memo submitted to
Atlanta (OO).

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These copies were submitted for information since each of these divisions either had members of Klans active in their division represented at the organizational meeting in Atlanta, Georgia, 2/27-28/60, of the KKKK, Inc., in form of delegates or were included in the 17 states which [redacted] KKKK, Inc., claimed were represented but were not reported represented according to [redacted] who attended this meeting.

INFORMANT: Confidential Informant [redacted] is [redacted] who furnished information orally night of 2/28/60, and by written report 3/2/60 to SA [redacted] [redacted] The original written report is filed in Knoxville file [redacted]

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KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN,
INC., AKA, KKKK, INC.
RACIAL MATTERS

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised on February 18, 1960, that [redacted] Jonesboro, Georgia, [redacted] of the KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC. (KKKK, Inc.) Atlanta, Georgia, had sent out invitations to leaders of all Klan organizations throughout the south with the exception of U. S. KLANS, KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC. (USK KKKK, Inc.) which is under the leadership of [redacted] Atlanta, Georgia, and leaders of the USK, KKKK, Inc., throughout the south, inviting them to a conference at the Henry Grady Hotel, Atlanta, Georgia, February 27-28, 1960, for the purpose of trying to organize one central Klan organization known as KKKK, Inc., thus improving strength of the Klan in that all is under one leadership with organized plans and purposes. This would eliminate all small Klans with different leaders and no central plan or purpose.

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Confidential Informant [redacted] on March 2, 1960, advised this organizational meeting of all Klans with the exception of USK, KKKK, Inc., delegates, was held at the Henry Grady Hotel, Atlanta, Georgia, as planned, on February 27-28, 1960. Informant advised approximately [redacted] were present representing the following Klans and states:

ALABAMA: FEDERATED KLANS OF ALABAMA, INC. Individuals recognized by informant from Alabama were [redacted] Montgomery, Alabama, and [redacted] Alabama, (city unknown)

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ARKANSAS: ARKANSAS KU KLUX KLAN which is connected with [] KKK organization of Dallas, Texas. Two mem from some unknown city in Arkansas, names of individuals unknown. Both described as white, males, [] years of age, 5'6", 150 pounds, slender build, fair complexion, one with black hair and one with dark brown hair.

FLORIDA: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC., [] St. Petersburg, Florida, and [] Tallahassee, Florida.

[] ASSOCIATION OF FLORIDA KLANS, INC.,
Tampa, Florida.

GEORGIA: KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN INC.
(KKKK, INC.) []

[]
DIXIE KLANS. KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC. (DK, KKKK, INC.) []

[]
MISSISSIPPI: MISSISSIPPI KU KLUX KLAN. []

[]
of Mississippi KKK.

NORTH CAROLINA: ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH CAROLINA KU KLUX KLAN, INC. Informant advised during roll call two or three individuals stood up from North Carolina representing this organization but they did not make a speech, did not identify themselves, and he could not furnish any description of these mem or give the name of the city in North Carolina they represented.

OHIO: CHRISTIAN KNIGHTS OF KU KLUX KLAN, INC.
[] Ohio, represented this organization.

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SOUTH CAROLINA: ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH CAROLINA
KU KLUX KLAN, INC. [redacted] S. C., A. O.
[redacted] S. C., and (FNU) MIMS,
city unknown, S. C.

TENNESSEE: DIXIE KLANS, KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX
KLAN, INC. [redacted]
[redacted] Tennessee, [redacted]
[redacted] Tennessee.

U. S. KLANS, KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX
KLAN, INC. [redacted] Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Informant advised that due to the extremely large group, noise by talking of the delegates during introductions, that some of the above names may not be complete or initials may be in error and the chartered name of the Klan organizations may differ from those listed above but names listed above were those generally used during the conference. Informant pointed out that approximately 134 delegates were present; however, he was only able to obtain names of those listed above. He stated only those states listed above were represented even though H. J. JONES told the press that 17 states were represented.

Informant advised that prior to the first large assembled meetings of delegates on February 27, 1960, that [redacted] beginning at 3:00 P.M. February 27, 1960. Those present at this meeting were [redacted]

[redacted] of KKKK, Inc. [redacted] The purpose of this meeting was to discuss certain of the Klan leaders who were invited to determine if they and their organizations would be acceptable in the KKKK, Inc. if organized consisting of all the small Klan groups.

The first discussion was concerning [redacted] ASSOCIATION OF FLORIDA KLANS, INC. [redacted] accused [redacted] of reporting to outsiders, including the press, some incidents in the past concerning Klan activities and [redacted] was very much opposed to [redacted] being asked to join and stated he had had great differences with [redacted] in the past in relation to Klan activities in Florida.

During this discussion [] was questioned concerning some of his past activities and associates which were not approved by those present. He was questioned concerning his past reported efforts to take Negroes into his Klan organization. He explained this by stating he received some requests from individuals in Africa to join his Klan organization and sent some literature. He said he had never asked Negroes in United States to join his Klan organization and had instructed the individuals from Africa to use the literature he sent them as they desired.

He was then questioned concerning his association in the past with [] He said he had been a Klan leader in Florida for many years and usually men active in racial matters as [] and [] contact Klan leaders and under these circumstances he was contacted. He stated he did not agree with many of the things [] advocated. Informant advised at this point [] was dismissed so those remaining could discuss [] Tampa, Florida, representing Association of Florida Klans, Inc. Those present discussed [] and stated he was a loyal Klansman, opposed to violence, and night riding and due to some incidents, not named, [] has been forced to disband for the good of the Klan name and a lot of good Klansmen. No decision was made at this conference to accept or reject [] and his group.

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The next discussion was concerning the differences between the USK, KKKK, Inc., and DK, KKKK, Inc., at Chattanooga, Tennessee.

[] advised the current members of DK, KKKK, Inc., who were former members of the USK, KKKK, Inc., at Chattanooga, had disagreements with other members and tried to form a separate Klavern of the USK, KKKK, Inc., in Chattanooga but [] USK, KKKK, Inc., had refused so they formed a new Klan organization. [] stated he had no ill feelings toward the bulk of the members of the USK, KKKK, Inc., at Chattanooga and felt they could once again get together in a new Klan organization. He pointed out there were

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large numbers of good Klansmen in Chattanooga, Tennessee, and Rossville, Georgia, vicinity and all should be in one strong organization.

Informant advised this meeting ended just before the large assembly of all delegates at 5:00 P.M., February 27, 1960, at the Henry Grady Hotel, Atlanta, Georgia. [redacted] reported that approximately 134 delegates had been invited from 17 states representing all Klan groups except the USK, KKKK, Inc. The meeting was opened by a [redacted] DK, KKKK, Inc., Dalton, Georgia. Then [redacted] advised the delegates the purpose of this meeting was to form one large Klan organization throughout the nation under a central leadership, with organized plans and purpose, to promote the true meaning of Klansmanship as the by-laws and ritual were originally written by Col. W. J. SIMMONS in 1916.

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[redacted] congratulated those present, especially [redacted] for making this meeting possible and pointed out the Klansmen should band together to fight liberalism, Negroism, NAACPism, and Communism. He offered a resolution that all those present adopt the W. J. SIMMONS Ritual and By-Laws of 1916. This resolution was passed.

The next speaker was [redacted] Federated Klans of Alabama, who stated he had been a Klansman since 1924, leader of Federated Klans of Alabama since 1949, and had always advocated unity. He also advised those present he had tried repeatedly to unite with the USK, KKKK, Inc., [redacted] but had not received any encouragement from [redacted] He said there were many good Klansmen in the USK, KKKK, Inc., and hoped that all present together with these good Klansmen from the USK, KKKK, Inc., could unite in the near future to form a great organization.

Next speaker was [redacted] KKKK, Inc., Atlanta, Georgia, who said he hoped all Klans could unite as they were in the 1920's.

[redacted] DK, KKKK, Inc., Chattanooga, Tennessee, was introduced who in turn introduced [redacted] one of the main leaders and planners of the DK, KKKK, Inc., although he does not hold any official office in this organization. [redacted] stated all Klansmen need to preach and practice Klankraft and DK, KKKK, Inc., favor unity so all can work together in harmony toward same goal.

[redacted] then introduced [redacted] of the Rossville, Georgia, Klavern of the DK, KKKK, Inc. [redacted] of Rossville, Georgia, Klavern of the USK, KKKK, Inc., and [redacted] of the USK, KKKK, Inc., for the year 1957 until banned from this organization in October 1957. [redacted] stated he favored unity of Klansmen and criticized E. L. [redacted] for his dictatorship in the USK, KKKK, Inc.

[redacted] then introduced [redacted] Rossville, Georgia, who represents the DK, KKKK, Inc., in a civil suit in U. S. District Court, Chattanooga, Tennessee, against USK, KKKK, Inc., in a copyright matter. [redacted] criticized [redacted] and stated [redacted] was very contrary and refused to cooperate with other Klansmen.

Next speaker was [redacted] Columbia, S. C., representing Association of South Carolina Ku Klux Klan, Inc. He stated he was in favor of unity of Klansmen and also criticized [redacted] USK, KKKK, Inc., and pointed out his organization had won a civil suit against [redacted] and the USK, KKKK, Inc. He reportedly gave [redacted] for the DK, KKKK, Inc., a copy of the U. S. District Court order in the civil suit between USK, KKKK, Inc., and Association of South Carolina Ku Klux Klan.

[redacted] National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., St. Petersburg, Florida, was the next speaker. He stated he favored unity and was glad to be present. He stated he had been accused of many things such as advocating accepting Negroes into his Klan organization, association with [redacted] and many other things he did not mention. He again explained these items as he did in the closed session set forth above. He concluded the only salvation was to unite the Klan forces to fight together with central planning and leadership and through this method they could

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build the greatest organization in the world.

[redacted] Dayton, Ohio, representing CHRISTIAN KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, of which, according to some of those present, [redacted] is reported to be [redacted], was introduced. He immediately defended [redacted] stating he had worked with him four years and [redacted] had done more to expose people in high places than any other person. He pointed out [redacted] has exposed [redacted] a Jew who infiltrated the Association of Georgia Klans, Inc., he had picketed the White House in Washington, D. C. and had attended meeting of Congressman JOHN WOOD in Chicago, Illinois. He said [redacted] had made some mistakes but he must defend [redacted] and his actions.

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Informant stated [redacted] ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH CAROLINA KU KLUX KLAN, Inc., objected to [redacted] and CHRISTIAN KNIGHTS KU KLUX KLAN and [redacted]. After the objection by [redacted] many other delegates also objected and at this point [redacted], KKKK, INC. [redacted] of this meeting, interceded, stating that [redacted] and CHRISTIAN KNIGHTS KU KLUX KLAN have been known for a long time and would not be recognized as an individual and organization. He said [redacted] and the organization have advocated many things contrary to the teaching of the original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan and for that reason would not be accepted into the new KKKK, Inc. being formed. Informant stated he understood that many inquiries were made among the delegates to determine who invited [redacted] or any representative of the CHRISTIAN KNIGHTS KU KLUX KLAN and all met with negative results. He stated [redacted] said later he believed [redacted] came uninvited.

[redacted] Biloxi, Mississippi, representing MISSISSIPPI KU KLUX KLAN, was the next speaker. He favored unity of all Klan groups and encouraged the organization of all Klans. He said he had adopted Mississippi and hoped to build a strong Klan in Mississippi and work with the Citizens Councils of that state.

At this point informant advised the meeting was interrupted by a television team invited by [redacted]

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All those present who wanted to be in the program, who had robes, were invited to stay and the others asked to move to the next room reserved by [] for this meeting. Photographs and film was taken of those who remained and [] acted as speaker for those present. After this intermission the meeting was continued. Informant advised [] left at intermission and did not return, stating he could not go along with [] group.

(FNU) [] Decatur, Georgia, was the next speaker and spoke on Klandraft and concluded by urging those present to unite in one organization.

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[] Tallahassee, Florida, was the next speaker, also representing National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. [] urged those present to work, organize one organization and build it into a very strong group. The meeting was then recessed at 11:45 P.M. until the next morning, February 28, 1960.

A meeting of a select group of leaders was then held in Room 1101, Henry Grady Hotel, from 12:00 midnight until 2:00 A.M. Those present were []

[] The purpose of this private meeting was to determine if these individuals and the organizations they represented could agree on action already taken or suggested, could work together, and if they were in favor of one great Klan organization with one leadership and combined plan and objective and eliminate the many small Klan organizations. All those present agreed they could and wanted such an organization.

Confidential Informant [] advised the meeting of all delegates was called to order by [] at the Henry Grady Hotel, Atlanta, Georgia, at 9:10 A.M. February 28, 1960. He complimented those present on the progress that had been made and pointed out there were many who had not been called upon to express their views but it would be impossible to call on everyone, however, he wanted to call on a few additional delegates. At this

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point he called upon (FNU) [] South Carolina, who said they all should work together, form one organization, and stated the South Carolina Klansmen were in favor of unity into one such organization.

The next speaker, name unknown, reportedly was from Miami, Florida. He advised he had been a Klansman and member of the CIO but found he could not serve both organizations and did not believe that [] could either. He said he had turned in his CIO membership card and wanted to know why [] had not done so also.

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He said he favored uniting the various Klans into one Klan organization and seconded the suggestion they plan another organizational meeting for the leaders to work out the details of such a merger. He stated they could work out these problems as much as possible between now and the next scheduled meeting. The informant was unable to furnish any additional information or description of this individual.

The informant reported at this point that [] took charge of the meeting. It was voted on and decided that the leaders of the various Klan organizations meet for further planning on consolidation of the Klan organizations into one group known as the KKKK, Inc., at Columbia, South Carolina, sometime in May, 1960, exact date to be set at a later time. It was suggested all leaders try to work out any problems that might arise both locally and as a whole between now and the scheduled meeting at Columbia. All those present agreed.

[] DK, KKKK, Inc., Rossville, Georgia, suggested that a local meeting of the Klansmen in North Georgia, North Alabama, and Tennessee, meet at the DK, KKKK, Inc., hall, 2523 Glass Street, Chattanooga, Tennessee, to work out any local problems sometime in March 1960. This was agreed and the informant reported a tentative date of March 12-13, 1960 was set. He also said that many of the leaders present from other areas than the local area mentioned said they would attend this meeting to assist in the progress and get pointers for settlement of their own local problems.

[redacted] suggested that they discuss the recent wave of Negro sit down strikes at white lunch counters across the country. He said the Negroes, NAACP and Communists thrive on violence in promoting their organizations and collection of funds. He pointed out the situation in the nation's capital, Washington, D. C., is far worse racewise than any other city in the United States. He pointed out the best solution for Klansmen was to organize, get their own people registered to vote, elect officials who give the Klansmen a fair deal. In this connection the informant stated that [redacted]

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[redacted] DK, KKKK, Inc., Chattanooga, stated that Chattanooga had recently had racial trouble in that city resulting from the Negroes conducting a sit down strike at white lunch counters in downtown stores in Chattanooga, and the Chattanooga Police Department had brought the situation under control.

[redacted] Swanse, South Carolina, urged those present to unite and expressed confidence that the various Klans could unify into a strong organization.

[redacted] Montgomery, Alabama, representing the Federated Klans of Alabama, Inc., urged all those present to be present at the meeting at Chattanooga and in the meantime they should study the works of Colonel W. J. SIMMONS. He stated he favored unity of all Klans and planned to be present at Chattanooga.

[redacted] KKKK, INC., told those present he had secured a charter through the Superior Court of Fulton County, Georgia, to operate a Klan organization known as the KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC. He sponsored a resolution which was accepted by those present that no release would be given to the press without some agreement of the leaders and being authorized to make such a release by the leaders. He also suggested that members present refrain from knocking other Klans that may not be represented, that included [redacted] USK, KKKK, Inc., since these organizations contain some good Klansmen which may later be interested in joining with this new movement. This was also passed as a resolution. The meeting was then adjourned at 12:20 P.M. February 28, 1960.

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 MEMO DATED MARCH 7 LAST. RE CHARLOTTE AIRTEL TO BUREAU AND
 KNOXVILLE MARCH 7 LAST ENTITLED [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED] REQUESTED BY LEADERS OF DIXIE KLANS, KNIGHTS OF THE KU
 KLUX KLAN, INC., CHATTANOOGA, TENN., ON MARCH 8 LAST NOT TO
 ATTEND ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING KKKK, INC., CHATTANOOGA,
 MARCH 12, 13, 1960, DUE TO HARD FEELINGS ON PART OF SOME
 MEMBERS DK, KKKK, INC. [REDACTED]
 IS USU, KKKK, INC, CHATTANOOGA. [REDACTED]
 DK, KKKK, INC, WILL ATTEND THIS MEETING HOWEVER [REDACTED]

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 BUREAU PERMISSION REQUESTED FOR CHARLOTTE INFORMANT [REDACTED]
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KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC., AKA KKKK, INC. RACIAL MATTERS.
RE KNOXVILLE RADIOGRAM THIS DATE TO BUREAU AND CHARLOTTE.

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CAPTIONED MATTER REFLECTING [redacted] UNPAREN
COULD ATTEND MEETING CHATTANOOGA INSTANT ORGANIZATION MARCH TWELVE
DASH THIRTEEN IF BUREAU AUTHORITY OBTAINED AND AUTHORITY FOR EXPENSES
FOR SUCH TRIP APPROVED BY BUREAU. IT IS NOTED IN MEETING THIS
ORGANIZATION AT ATLANTA, GA. FEB. TWENTYSEVEN DASH TWENTYEIGHT LAST
THAT CLOSED MEETINGS WERE HELD IN WHICH ONLY SELECT GROUP LEADERS
WERE INVITED TO ATTEND. [redacted] PAREN WILL

NOT BE INVITED TO SUCH CLOSED MEETINGS, CHATTANOOGA, AND [redacted]

[redacted] UNPAREN, WHO WAS INVITED TO SUCH CLOSED

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MEETINGS SCHEDULED CHATTANOOGA. [REDACTED]

UNPAREN STATED MEMBERS DK, KKK, INC. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] UNPAREN TO ENTER THEIR BUILDING FOR
MEETINGS SCHEDULED AT CHATTANOOGA AND ALSO DK, KKK, INC., VOTED
NOT TO ASSOCIATE WITH INSTANT ORGANIZATION IF [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] UNPAREN IS ALLOWED TO JOIN THIS ORGANIZATION.
TO INSURE THAT SOME INFORMANT MIGHT BE INVITED TO ATTEND ANY
SCHEDULED SPECIAL CLOSED MEETINGS OF SELECT LEADERS DURING
CHATTANOOGA ASSEMBLY, BUREAU PERMISSION REQUESTED FOR [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] UNPAREN TO ATTEND THIS MEETING AND FOR APPROVAL
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Memorandum

TO DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 3/17/60

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Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies of a letterhead memorandum and two copies for the information of designated offices concerning information pertaining to a meeting of various Klan organizations which was held at Chattanooga, Tennessee, March 12 and 13, 1960.

[redacted] mentioned in this report is [redacted] who made available the report covering this meeting to SA [redacted] on March 15, 1960, the original of which is filed in [redacted]

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(lcc 105-999-Original Knights of Ku Klux Klan) 157-168-8X3

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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Charlotte 2, North Carolina
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SPECIAL MEETING OF KLAN
ORGANIZATIONS, CHATTANOOGA,
TENNESSEE, MARCH 12-13, 1960
RACIAL MATTERS

On March 15, 1960, [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that a special meeting was held beginning at 5:30 p.m. on March 12, 1960, at the Headquarters of the Dixie Klans, Inc., 2523 Glass Street, Chattanooga, Tennessee, which was attended by the leaders of many different Klan groups. [redacted] stated that the following officers from the various Klans designated were present:

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[redacted]
[redacted] of Dixie Klans, Inc.)(Tennessee)

[redacted] Dixie Klans, Inc.
Chattanooga, Tennessee

[redacted] of Dixie Klans, Inc.
North Georgia Division)

[redacted] from Pine Bluff, Arkansas)
[redacted] of Arkansas [redacted] of
Texarkana, Arkansas)

[redacted] (Klokard of Association of Arkansas Klans)
Pine Bluff, Arkansas

[redacted] of Association of Arkansas Klans)
Pine Bluff, Arkansas

[redacted] of Association of Alabama
Klans) Anniston, Alabama, owns gas stations in and
around Anniston, Alabama

[redacted] of Federation of Klans of
Montgomery, Alabama)

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ENCLOSURE

[redacted] (Kludd of Federation of Klans of
Alabama)(Atlanta, Georgia)

[redacted] (Officer of Federation of Klans of
Alabama)(Decatur, Georgia)

[redacted] of Ku Klux Klans, Inc. of
Atlanta, Georgia)

[redacted] of Association of South
Carolina Klans)(Swansea, South Carolina)

[redacted] of Association of South
Carolina Klans)(Columbia, South Carolina)

[redacted] of Association of South
Carolina Klans)(Columbia, South Carolina)

[redacted] of Association of South
Carolina Klans)(Columbia, South Carolina)

[redacted] of Original
Knights of Ku Klux Klan)(Dallas, Texas)

[redacted] of Florida Ku Klux Klan)
(Samsula, Florida)

[redacted] of Florida Ku Klux Klan)
(Tallahassee, Florida)

[redacted] of Florida Ku Klux Klans)
Orlando, Florida

[redacted] of Southern Knights of
Florida)(Oldsmar, Florida)

[redacted] stated the meeting was called to order by [redacted]
who then called on various members to give speeches. [redacted]
of Montgomery, Alabama, [redacted] of Florida, and [redacted]
[redacted] of Atlanta, Georgia, all gave speeches and recommended
that the Klan groups join together. [redacted] requested that
representatives present nominate and elect an Imperial Dragon
to be the head of the Klans after the consolidation. [redacted]

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pointed out there was one man present who could lead all the Klans into close cooperation and national prominence. He did not name this man in his speech, but later stated in private conversation he was referring to [redacted]

[redacted] of the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan was the next speaker. Although it had been previously agreed at a prior meeting of the group which was held in Atlanta that no member of any Klan group would insult another group or Klansman or make any statement of a slanderous nature against them, [redacted] began his speech claiming one [redacted] of Texarkana, Arkansas, had stolen his "Kloran", and his Klansmen from the State of Arkansas. [redacted] claimed that [redacted] along with some men from Pine Bluff, Arkansas, had been banished and outlawed from the Klan because they were gamblers and crooks, and that they started what they called a Klan of their own calling it the Association of Arkansas Klans. After [redacted] speech there was a thirty minute recess.

[redacted] stated that following the recess, the first speaker was [redacted] of Pine Bluff, Arkansas, who began defending [redacted] at which time [redacted] acted as though he were about to faint or was having a heart attack, and was escorted from the hall and to his hotel room. [redacted] was allowed to go on with his answers to [redacted] charges although [redacted] was no longer present to defend himself against any countercharges. [redacted] stated he had proof [redacted] had been indicted in Texas some years past as a "con-man" and embezzler, and he had taken money for robes which he never delivered and had operated an integrated orphanage in Texas. This speech by [redacted] created quite an uproar as both the South Carolina and Florida groups were followers of [redacted] had been elected as their national leader. These two groups decided they desired to talk privately with [redacted] after the meeting.

Another breach in cooperation and unity came when a speaker named [redacted] from Anniston, Alabama, called [redacted] a liar and a "self-appointed" [redacted]. [redacted] of South Carolina quieted the hall down with the comment that everyone should obey the rules laid down at Atlanta as the only possible way that there could be any cooperation or agreement between the different groups of Klansmen.

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A motion was made, seconded, and carried that each Grand Dragon would appoint or cause to have elected two men to represent his particular Klan and these men would thereafter be empowered to act for each Klan and act as Grand Council of all Klans represented at this meeting. It was decided there would be no Grand Chairman, but at each meeting the Chairman for the next meeting would be elected by the Council.

[redacted] of South Carolina was elected to be the next [redacted] and it was decided the next meeting would be held at the Skyline Club in West Columbia, South Carolina, on April 10, 1960. This meeting was to start at 10:00 a.m. and to run until 4:00 p.m. on April 10, 1960.

A motion was also made, seconded, and carried that no Klan group that was not represented at the meeting of March 12, 1960 could join the group at a later date unless the Klan group was completely investigated and voted on by the Grand Council.

All of the Klans represented at the meeting were to try to cooperate with each other in any way possible and were to come to the next meeting in Columbia April 10, 1960, prepared to present plans which might help each other.

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The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

After the adjournment of the regular meeting, the Florida and South Carolina delegations met with the Arkansas group and asked for proof of the claims made against [redacted]. [redacted] showed them a letter written by [redacted] thanking one member for \$600. that had been sent to [redacted] to purchase a car, yet [redacted] had denied that he even knew the man, according to [redacted]. [redacted] also had a photograph of [redacted] indicating he was head of an integrated orphanage. The Florida and South Carolina delegates decided they would meet at the Park Hotel at 12:30 a.m. to make some sort of decision as to what course to follow regarding [redacted] of Dallas, Texas.

[redacted] advised that [redacted] from Florida and South Carolina met in Room 802 of the Park Hotel in Chattanooga, Tennessee, from about 1:00 to 3:30 a.m. and from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. on March 13, 1960. The purpose of the meeting was to make some sort of decision as to whether

these two groups would continue to follow their elected leader, [redacted] of Dallas, Texas, or if they should try to get rid of him as their Imperial Dragon. One of those present mentioned that under the constitution and bylaws as stated at the National Convention which was held at Montgomery, Alabama, at the time [redacted] was elected, they had no power to get rid of an Imperial Dragon once he was elected until his term of office expired. [redacted] pointed out that he thought [redacted] was guilty, but that he felt that he should be given the right to defend himself against any and all charges in an open meeting before they finally decided upon his guilt.

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A motion was made and carried that the states of Florida and South Carolina would forward no more money to [redacted] until after the meeting to be held in Columbia, South Carolina, April 10, 1960.

A motion was also made that nothing would be said to the local Klaverns about [redacted] until after the April 10 meeting as almost all the high ranking officers had advised their local Klaverns to join under the leadership of [redacted] and they would now be very much embarrassed to let everyone know what a great mistake they had made.

This meeting was adjourned on the note that regardless of what else might happen the Florida Ku Klux Klan and the Association of South Carolina Klans would stick together.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-355570)

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (100-11349)

KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC., AKA
RACIAL MATTERS

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Re Miami tel, 3/11/60.

Enclosed for the Bureau are original and 7 copies of letterhead memo, dated 3/16/60, captioned as above. Two copies of this memo are enclosed for each office receiving copies of this airtel.

Source of this information is [redacted] of Miami. If Savannah needs coverage at Columbia meeting on 4/9/60, [redacted] will be able to go as Fla. delegate. Advise Miami in sufficient time if coverage needed so Bureau authority for travel and funds can be secured.

Careful consideration has been given to source concealed and identity was concealed only where deemed necessary.

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2 - Richmond (157-12)(Enc-2)(AM-RM)
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
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100-11349

Miami, Florida
March 16, 1960

Re: Ku Klux Klan Meeting
to Unite All Klans,
Chattanooga, Tennessee,
March 12 and 13, 1960

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DATE 8-14-88 BY 61817/ok

A source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised as follows:

A meeting of Klan leaders from the Southeastern United States was held at the Imperial Headquarters of the Dixie Knights of the Ku Klux Klan at 2523 Glass Street, Chattanooga, Tennessee, on March 12 and 13, 1960. The meeting was scheduled to start at 5:00 PM, but was delayed to 6:00 PM because some persons were delayed in travel by the bad weather.

The first formal meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM, March 12, 1960, by [redacted] of the Dixie Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. About 100 men were present from Arkansas, Florida, Tennessee, Georgia, Alabama, South Carolina and Texas. [redacted] of North Carolina wired that he would be unable to attend because of snow.

Among leaders identified from each state were the following:

Tennessee:

Florida:

South Carolina:

[redacted]

[redacted] and several unidentified persons from Newberry, South Carolina

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Alabama:

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[REDACTED] several
others not identified.

Arkansas:

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for the Association of Arkansas
Klans), [REDACTED] (from Pine
Bluff), and several others not
identified.

Georgia:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (from Dalton, Georgia)

Texas:

[REDACTED]

from Dallas.

The first order of business was a debate on the administration of the new consolidated Klans by a National Grand Council. They could not agree on whether the National Grand Council could issue orders to each individual Klan. It was agreed that the Council, to consist of three men and the Grand Dragon of each Klan, and one alternate delegate from each Klan, would establish policy, remove undesirable council members, channel information of interest to all Klans for dissemination to all Klaverns. Local Klans could still exercise their own initiative on action to be taken on local problems and could take prompt action without having to first clear it through the Grand Council; each Klan would furnish funds to the Grand Council for use in employing attorneys to defend Klan members and employ lobbyists to further Klan interests in various state legislatures. The amount to be assessed on each Klan would be decided at the Convention in Columbia, South Carolina on April 9, 1960. The Grand Council will take the initiative in establishing national policy and securing national publicity and issuing Klan publications in furtherance of the Klan program.

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The Grand Council will be known as the National Grand Council of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, and all Klans will be affiliated with the Council, but will still maintain their separate individual identities and names in the states in which they now operate.

The delegates to the Grand Council will be selected by the Grand Dragon of each individual Klan. The Grand Dragons are supposed to attend all Grand Council meetings. At the Columbia convention they will decide on where these meetings will be held and how often the Council will meet. There will be no permanent chairman. The chairmanship will rotate in order among the Grand Dragons with a different one serving at each meeting.

The paper work, correspondence and general administration will be handled by one full-time permanent secretary, to be selected by the Grand Council at Columbia, South Carolina. He will receive a salary from the funds received from the various Klans. His headquarters will also be decided at the Columbia convention.

During the meeting [redacted] from Texas made a speech against the activity of the Arkansas Klan because they had not cooperated in organizing the Klans in Arkansas and Texas. He also accused the Grand Dragon of Arkansas of defending a negro in a civil suit against a white man.

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Arkansas retaliated by accusing [redacted] of embezzling \$1500.00 collected for Klan robes, and also having taught in the past in an integrated school on the Mexican border.

This argument resulted in [redacted] having a heart attack; he was carried put to the hospital. Some of the persons present donated funds for Davis' hospital bill.

[redacted] was residing at the [redacted] Arkansas made a good case against [redacted] and he will probably be eliminated from the Klan in the near future. His heart attack stopped any final action on this matter.

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All present were instructed that upon return to their home Klaverns they should work with the police and take any action necessary to break up the current negro lunch counter demonstrations. Also, they were to burn as many crosses as possible on the last Saturday of March at 9:00 P.M.

The Columbia convention on April 9, 1960 will be open to all Klansmen from the Klans represented at this Chattanooga meeting. At this convention the Grand Council members who have been selected by the Grand Dragons to sit with the Grand Dragons on the Council will be installed for one year and the Council will announce the permanent secretary's identity.

[redacted] from Columbia is being considered for the [redacted] position. The Grand Dragons, prior to the convention, will draw up for presentation and voting the policies, authority, financial assessment, and selection of delegates for the Council. All authorized Klan members allowed to attend the Columbia convention will then vote upon the matters presented to them by the Grand Dragons.

Arrangements for the Columbia convention April 9, 1960, at 10:00 A.M. are being handled by Belton Mims of Columbia, Assistant Dragon for Columbia.

This meeting broke up about 2:30 A.M., March 13, 1960, and all present returned to their homes, to reassemble at Columbia in April.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 3/29/60

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (105-971)

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SUBJECT: KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.
RACIAL MATTERS
OO: Atlanta

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Re Atlanta letter to Bureau, 1/28/60.

The following investigation was conducted by the NYO but no further information concerning either [redacted] Brooklyn, N.Y., or [redacted] [redacted], NYC, was developed:

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A review of the NYO indices.

Records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York, as furnished by [redacted] on 2/5/60.

Records of the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, NYC, as furnished by [redacted] on 2/10/60.

Records of the Bureau of Criminal Identification, New York City Police Department, as reviewed by SA [redacted] on 2/9/60.

[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, and who was contacted by SA [redacted] on 2/23/60.

On 3/24/60, [redacted] NYC, advised SA [redacted] that he has no knowledge of any individual named [redacted] as past or present tenant at [redacted] NYC.

On 3/25/60, [redacted] US Post Office, [redacted] NYC, advised SA [redacted] that he could locate no record of a removal for [redacted] NYC. He further advised that contact with the postal carrier covering

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the area in which [redacted] NYC is located, elicited no further information concerning [redacted]

on 3/28/60, [redacted]
[redacted] Brooklyn, NY, advised SA [redacted] that he has no knowledge of [redacted] either present or past tenant at the above address.

[redacted] advised that one [redacted] occupies apartment [redacted] at the above address with [redacted] stated that [redacted] have been residents at the above address to the last [redacted] and they have no children. [redacted] further stated that [redacted] is employed as a [redacted], name unknown, and that [redacted] is also employed, occupation and employment unknown.

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[redacted] stated that he is not aware of any people ever visiting [redacted] at the above address and is certain that no other persons have occupied [redacted] apartment at the above address.

NYO does not contemplate any further investigation in this matter. RUC.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

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AKA
RACIAL MATTERS

Reference is made to correspondence from Atlanta and various other offices concerning a consolidation meeting held by Klan splinter groups in Atlanta at the Henry Grady Hotel on February 27 and 28, 1960. It will be noted that the U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. was not included in this gathering, but that an organization chartered in Fulton County, Ga. in December, 1959, as the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. was included.

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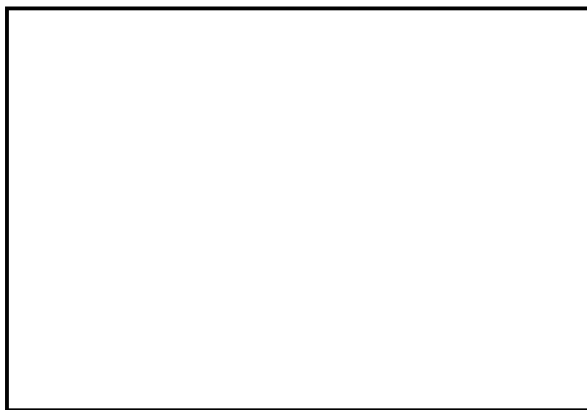
[redacted] of the Henry Grady Hotel, advised on 2/24/60, that reservations had been made by the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, [redacted] for three assembly rooms from 5:00 p.m. to 12 midnight, February 27, 1960, and 8:00 a.m. to noon, February 28, 1960. Estimated attendance, 75.

On 3/1/60, [redacted] Henry Grady Hotel, confidentially advised that he observed men from the following rooms at the Henry Grady Hotel enter the assembly rooms where instant meeting was being held:

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On 3/1/60 [redacted] confidentially advised that he believed that the following guests were in the party of [redacted] from Florida:



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[redacted] made available photostatic copies of the above registration cards, which are being maintained in the 1A exhibit file in the Atlanta Office.

On 3/11/60, [redacted] made available eleven group photographs, which he stated were taken at a time designated by the Klan officials during the above meeting. [redacted] stated further that he was told that [redacted] from Jacksonville, Fla. [redacted]

[redacted]
[redacted] stated that

[redacted]

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[redacted] Therefore, the source of this material cannot be revealed.

In an effort to identify additional individuals present at this meeting, individual photographs have been made from the group pictures, and each office receiving a copy of this communication will also receive one copy of each photograph. These photographs are described as follows:

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Photograph No. 1

This photograph shows three individuals, a Klansman dressed in a Klan robe has been identified by [redacted]

[redacted] of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., Atlanta.

It will be noted that the person who gave the group photographs to [redacted] made notations as to the identity of certain persons appearing in these photographs. In connection with photograph #1, the man without a hat and smoking had a notation beside his photograph [redacted].

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Photograph No. 2.

This is a photograph of one robed Klansman. [redacted] identified this photograph as [redacted] Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., Atlanta. GA.

Photograph No. 3

This is a photograph of one robed Klansman.

This photograph has been identified by [redacted] Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., Atlanta. GA.

Photograph No. 4

This is a photograph of two men and the original photograph was identified left to right as [redacted]

[redacted] identified the photograph on the right as being that of [redacted] who is working with [redacted] of Ala.

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Photograph No. 5

This is a photograph of two robed men. The man on the right identified in the original photograph as [redacted] of Florida.

[redacted] likewise is of the opinion the photograph on the right is [redacted] of Florida.

Photograph No. 6

This is a photograph of a robed Klansman, identity unknown.

Photograph No. 7

This is a photograph of two robed Klansmen, identity unknown.

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Photograph No. 8

This is a photograph of one robed Klansman, identity unknown.

Photograph No. 9

The original photograph carried a notation that the elderly man in the middle had been a Klansman for [redacted] years and the man on the extreme right was identified as [redacted]

Photograph No. 10

This photograph is of two robed Klansmen, identity unknown.

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Photograph No. 11


This is a photograph of two robed Klansmen, identity unknown; however, the original group picture carried a notation "N. C. Boys".

Photograph No. 12

Photograph of five men, identity unknown. It is noted, however, that two of the photographs are not identifiable.

Photograph No. 13

This is a photograph of two men, identity unknown. It will be noted that the original group photograph of the man on the left carried a notation "FBI Informant".

 advised that of course his source in identifying these pictures was merely repeating rumor around the gathering that this man was a FBI informant, and probably was inaccurate.

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Copies of the above photographs are also being enclosed for the information of the Bureau. Receiving offices will exhibit unidentified photographs to informants in an effort to effect additional identifications.

It will not be necessary to return these photographs, but identifications can be reported by letter in the order set out above.

MEMBERS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 4/7/60

FROM : SAC, Knoxville (157-28)SUBJECT: KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX
KLAN, INC., AKA KKKK, Inc.
RACIAL MATTERSALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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(OO: ATLANTA)

Re Knoxville letter to the Bureau 3/7/60; Knoxville airtel to the Director, Miami and Charlotte 3/9/60; Knoxville radiogram to the Director and Charlotte 3/9/60; Charlotte letter to the Director 3/17/60; Miami airtel to the Director 3/21/60, and Richmond letter to Atlanta 3/22/60.

Enclosed to the Bureau are seven copies of a letterhead memorandum and seven copies of an informant evaluation memorandum for this letterhead memo, both dated 4/7/60 at Knoxville, in captioned matter. One copy of each has been disseminated locally to G-2, ONI and OSI.

Four copies of this letterhead memo, each with a copy of the informant evaluation memo, are submitted to Atlanta, the office of origin in this case.

Two copies of this letterhead memo and informant evaluation memo have been submitted to Birmingham, Charlotte, Dallas, Jacksonville, Little Rock, Memphis, Miami, Mobile, New Orleans, Richmond and Savannah for information.

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INFORMANTS

Confidential Informant [redacted]
[redacted] who furnished information orally to SA [redacted]
[redacted] March 13, 16, 1960, and by written report March
16 and 23, 1960. Filed in [redacted]

Confidential Informant [redacted]
[redacted] who furnished information by written report to
SA [redacted] March 16, 1960. Filed in [redacted]

Careful consideration has been given to each
source concealed and T symbols utilized only in those
instances where the identity of the source must be con-
cealed.

ADMINISTRATIVE

During surveillance by FBI Agents at Chattanooga,
Tennessee, in another investigation on the night of 3/12/60
in the vicinity of 2523 Glass Street, during the time of
the meeting described in letterhead memo, the following out-
of-state license numbers were obtained from cars parked
in the immediate vicinity of 2523 Glass Street, East Chatta-
nooga, Tennessee.

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1960 Alabama license 11-27428
1960 Alabama license 39-8076
Georgia license, year unknown, 6268
South Carolina license, year unknown, 4895
Arkansas license, year 1960 3-14622

It is noted in Little Rock teletype to SAC's
Knoxville, New Orleans and Atlanta, 3/12/60, entitled,
"Association of Arkansas Klans, RACIAL MATTERS". the
Little Rock Division advised that [redacted] drives
a 1955 Chevrolet, light blue, four door, bearing 1960
Arkansas license 3-14622. *T.H.H.*

The above license numbers are being set forth for
the divisions where these licenses are registered for
their information.



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Knoxville, Tennessee

April 7, 1960

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KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX
KLAN, INC., AKA, KKKK, INC.
RACIAL MATTERS

Reference is made to Knoxville letterhead memorandum dated April 7, 1960, in captioned matter.

Confidential Knoxville informants set forth in referenced letterhead memorandum have furnished reliable information in the past.

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Knoxville, Tennessee

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KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX
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RACIAL MATTERS

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised on March 13 and March 16, 1960, that a closed meeting was held in the regular Klan Hall of the Dixie Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., Klavern #1, 2523 Glass Street, East Chattanooga, Tennessee, beginning at 5:00 P.M. on March 12, 1960. He stated this meeting was for delegates from other Klan organizations in southern states and delegates from other Klaverns of the Dixie Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., from Alabama and Georgia. He stated this meeting was under the leadership of [redacted]

[redacted] Dixie Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. Informant advised that approximately 100 delegates were present at this meeting, including about [redacted] members from Klaverns of the Dixie Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., located at Hixson, Tennessee, Klavern #115, and Chattanooga, Tennessee, Klavern #1, Hamilton County, Tennessee.

[redacted] called upon the leaders of the various Klans represented to express their views regarding consolidation of all the various Klans in one Klan organization to be known as the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Incorporated, with headquarters located at Atlanta, Georgia. Informant stated [redacted] called upon the various Klan leaders to express their views without naming the leaders and often not naming the Klan organization but merely asking for the leader of the Klan group from a certain city to express his views. He advised that because of the above the exact names of the leaders and of the Klan groups they represented was not obtained.

He advised that the states represented were: ALABAMA, unknown leader from a Klavern of the Dixie Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., Anniston, Alabama. Five representatives were present from this Klavern, none of their names known.

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Unknown leader from a Klan, name of the Klan not known, from Montgomery, Alabama. Four representatives with this individual, none of their names known.

ARKANSAS, Arkansas Ku Klux Klan. Informant advised there were four representatives of this organization from Little Rock and four from Pine Bluff, Arkansas. A leader from each of these cities expressed his views on consolidation.

FLORIDA, Associated Klans of Florida. Informant advised there were three representatives of this organization, however, the city they represented and their names were unknown. He advised that one of these individuals spoke.

GEORGIA, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. Informant advised there were four representatives of this group from Atlanta, Georgia, first name unknown, last name [redacted] spoke as the leader of this group.

Dixie Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. Informant advised undetermined number of representatives from Klaverns of this organization were present from Dalton, Rossville, and LaFayette, Georgia. [redacted] for the State of Georgia, of this group made a speech.

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LOUISIANA, name of the Klan organization unknown. Informant advised there were three representatives present, names not known and only one made a speech.

MISSISSIPPI, name of the Klan organization unknown, but it was believed to be the Mississippi Ku Klux Klan. Three representatives present, names not known and cities which they represented unknown. Only one leader of this group spoke.

SOUTH CAROLINA, Association of South Carolina Ku Klux Klan, Inc. Informant advised that four or five representatives of this organization, names not known or cities which they represented not known, were present. Only one individual from South Carolina spoke.

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TENNESSEE, Dixie Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. Spokesman for this group was [redacted] Others present from Klavern #115, Hixson, Tennessee, Klavern #1, Chattanooga, Tennessee, were named by the informant.

NORTH CAROLINA. Informant advised it was announced by [redacted] that he had received a wire from representative of Klans in North Carolina that due to inclement weather they would not be able to attend this meeting.

Informant advised that the leader from the South Carolina Klan group stated that all Klans could not work under the same leader or rules as all states had different laws governing various organizations, and that if they consolidated into one Klan group they would end up with a dictator type organization. He stated the South Carolina Klan groups were not in favor of combining into one Klan organization but wanted to remain as separate Klan groups and work together with other Klan organizations in southern states toward the same aims and purposes.

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Informant advised that first name unknown [redacted] of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., Atlanta, Georgia, wanted all of the Klan organizations to give up their individual Klan names, form one large Klan organization, and have one Klan leader located at Atlanta, Georgia. He reported they had a man in Atlanta, Georgia, who he did not name, who had all of the old Klan records which was the only true Klan organization. He urged all to vote to consolidate into one Klan group with headquarters at Atlanta, Georgia, known as the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. The informant advised that representatives from all of the other Klan organizations mentioned above spoke and only [redacted] of Atlanta, Georgia, wanted to form one Klan organization and give up the individual Klan groups. He advised that all other Klan groups voted not to consolidate into one Klan organization but to remain under separate Klan leadership with their own individual Klan names. He stated delegates voted that since they had decided on March 12, 1960, not to consolidate that there would not be any reason to hold a meeting at 2523 Glass Street, Chattanooga, Tennessee, on the morning of March 13, 1960, as had been scheduled. He stated the delegates

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voted that there would be a meeting held at Columbia, S. C. April 10, 1960, and that each Klan organization would select two delegates to attend this meeting. The purpose of this meeting would be for the delegates to decide upon joint aims and purposes for all Klan organizations to form a central committee for Klan organizations and a plan whereby they could work together for the same accomplishments. Informant advised the meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:30 P. M. March 12, 1960.

The Informant advised that a heated argument resulted during this meeting between two representatives and that during this argument one the representatives had a heart attack and had to be removed from the hall.

Confidential Informant [] on March 16, 1960, advised that he had had an opportunity to see a letter written on March 13, 1960, by [] Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., Atlanta, Georgia, mailing address [] Atlanta 1, Georgia. This letter from [] stated that he had attended the meeting at Chattanooga, Tennessee, on the night of March 12, 1960 and met with the representatives of other Klan groups. He stated that after seeing these individuals and discussing problems with them, he had discarded the idea of the merger between all Klan groups and thought it now best to build a new order with the kind of material that good Klans are composed of and not take in Klan members from the already organized Klan groups.

[] stated he was now concentrating in the formation and organization of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., and would try to build this into a large, strong Klan group. He pointed out in his letter that [] Chattanooga, Tennessee, whom he had given a Kleagle (organizer) Commission card for the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., had returned his commission to [] by mail without any explanation.

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AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (~~100-356570~~)

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (100-11349)

RE: KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC., aka.
RACIAL MATTERS

Re Miami tel 4/8/60.

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Enclosed for the Bureau are original and seven
copies of letterhead memorandum dated 4/15/60 captioned
"Ku Klux Klan Convention, Columbia, South Carolina,
April 9, 10, 1960".

Source of this information is of
Miami.

Careful consideration has been given to source
concealed, and identity was concealed only where deemed
necessary.

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3915 Biscayne Boulevard
Miami 52, Florida
April 15, 1960

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Re: Ku Klux Klan Convention
Columbia, South Carolina
April 9 - 10, 1960

A source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished the following information on April 12, 1960:

On April 9, 1960, leaders of the various Klan groups in the southeastern United States gathered at Columbia, South Carolina, in preparation for a meeting to finalize the consolidation of all Klans for a joint operation. Most of the Klan leaders arrived on Saturday, April 9, 1960, and most of them stayed at the Wade Hampton and Jefferson Hotels in Columbia. Throughout Saturday no formal meetings were held. Most of the Klan leaders and delegates passed the time on Saturday visiting friends, relatives, drinking at the hotels and bars around town.

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On Saturday evening
 of the Association of Carolina Klans, remarked that all of the Grand Dragons of the Klans had decided as follows:

- 1.) The Grand Dragons would make up a Secret Supreme Council to govern all of the Klans;
- 2.) There will be a Public Supreme Council, consisting of the Grand Dragons and two delegates from each Klan;

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3.) The Public Supreme Council will discuss strategy and decisions of the Secret Supreme Council, and will carry out the orders of the Secret Supreme Council through their various Klan groups.

[] also said that the Grand Dragons had decided to use shotguns with #4 Shot (squirrel shot) to break up Negro demonstrations when and where the police failed. Klansmen will shoot at the Negroes' legs, and it is not desired to kill them, but to halt them. Klan robes or identity of Klansmen will not be revealed when and if shotguns are used. The Secret Supreme Council will decide when such action is necessary, and will order the Titans and Exalted Cyclops in the troubled areas to carry out these shootings. [] said that this decision to use force would not be openly discussed or mentioned in the meeting of the Public Supreme Council, to be held on April 10, 1960. [] said that it was not to be discussed, because thereafter it would be too easy to show conspiracy to use force in any subsequent court action, and this would involve all of the principal Klan leaders who had participated in such discussion, and would handicap the Klan in carrying out its program to put down these demonstrations.

[] gave the impression that the Grand Dragons had all decided on this program at some secret meeting held prior to April 9, 1960.

[] said that Mississippi was expecting trouble, [] from Biloxi, Mississippi, had

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informed him that he would be unable to attend the Columbia meeting.

[redacted] stated that [redacted] of Georgia, [redacted] of Alabama and [redacted] of Alabama had all indicated they would not attend the Columbia meeting, unless the Association of South Carolina Klans, the Florida Knights of the Ku Klux Klan and the Arkansas Klan withdrew from their past affiliation with the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan [redacted] of Dallas, Texas. [redacted] said that the Carolina, Florida and Arkansas Klans agreed to separate from [redacted] but Georgia and Alabama refused to come to Columbia and participate in the meeting until [redacted] was publicly disavowed by the Carolina, Florida and Arkansas Klans.

On Sunday, April 10, 1960, a meeting of Grand Dragons and Klan Delegates was held at the Sky Line Club in West Columbia, South Carolina. This is the meeting place and headquarters of the Association of South Carolina Klans. The meeting started at about 9:30 AM, with members of the National Grand Council, which consists of the Grand Dragons of each Klan, and official delegates of each Klan represented. The following were in attendance:

South Carolina

Association of South Carolina
Klans

[redacted]

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Columbia, South Carolina
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Tennessee

**Dixie Knights of the Ku Klux Klan
Delegate - represented by -
from Royalston, Georgia**

First - They voted approval that all Klans would work to assist one another financially and otherwise in any emergency when requested to do so by the Grand Council.

Second - They voted approval that each Klan in each state build up and handle its own finances, but the finances would be available for use by the National Grand Council in any emergency in any state.

Third - They resolved that in the event the United States was attacked by any foreign government, the Klan would offer its complete services to defend the United States.

Fourth - That strangers, non-residents, foreigners or anyone seeking to stir up race trouble in the south would be contacted by the Klan in the troubled area, and removed one way or another from the troubled area by the Klan.

Fifth - They agreed to get the list of Communist organizations declared subversive by the Attorney General of the United States; and, thereafter, wherever these Communist groups were found active in the south, the Klan would break them up by one means or another and identify themselves as Klansmen in so doing.

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Columbia, South Carolina
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Sixth - They resolved that all Klansmen would be governed by orders of their officers, and the Grand Council, and failure to obey orders would result in banishment from the Klan.

Seventh - The Chairman of the National Grand Council would appoint his own Secretary - Treasurer and [redacted] is to serve as [redacted] until a new one is elected at some future date.

The following was not decided, and was left open because all of the Klans were not present at this meeting. It was agreed that another meeting of the National Grand Council was necessary, to be held on May 22, 1960, at the Whitley Hotel in Montgomery, Alabama. All Klans will have to attend that meeting, and another Chairman will be selected. It will be decided what amount of money each Klan will have to contribute to support the National Office of the Grand Council, to pay salaries and expenses for the National Chairman and his Secretary - Treasurer.

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A master plan for communication of directions will also be decided. To formulate this plan, [redacted] created the position of Adjutant General of All Klans. [redacted] has been delegated to present at Montgomery a means of code communication to be used to transmit orders and instructions from one state to another. This is a security precaution.

The meeting ended at 1:30 PM. After luncheon, an open meeting was held until 4:30 or 5:00 PM, which was attended by all Klansmen who were not delegates or members

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Re: [redacted]

Re: Ku Klux Klan Convention
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of the Grand Council. About 200 people were at this meeting. The speakers were [redacted] (Phonetic); [redacted] from Arkansas; [redacted] of the Dixie Klan, and some elderly old man who wanted to make a speech. All of the talks were on the race problem. [redacted] [redacted] advocated violence in putting the Negroes in their place. [redacted] said the time has come when we will have to get out guns and put these Negroes in their place.

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Memorandum

Agency *W. 2, Ori, Ori & Ryan*
Req. Rec'd
Date Forw. *3/3/60*
How Forw. *RS*
By *W. J. J.*

TO DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 4/18/60

FROM SAC, CHARLOTTE (157-114) (105-469)

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SUBJECT KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.
aka.
RACIAL MATTERS
(OO: Atlanta)

Re Charlotte letter to Bureau, 3/17/60 enclosing letterhead memo containing information concerning the meeting of the various Klan organizations held at Chattanooga, Tenn., 3/12-13/60.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies of letterhead memo and two copies for the information of designated offices concerning information pertaining to a meeting of the various Klan organizations which was held at Columbia, South Carolina, on 4/10/60.

For the information of the Bureau and all offices, it is to be noted that the next meeting of this group of Klan organizations is scheduled to be held at the Whitley Hotel, Montgomery, Alabama, beginning 9:00 A.M., on May 22, 1960. Informant has advised official delegates to the next meeting would be the Grand Dragon and three official delegates from each of the seven to nine Klan organizations invited to attend.

Mobile Division should advise the Bureau and appropriate offices if they desire that other offices attempt to arrange for their informants to attend this meeting on May 22, 1960, in order that appropriate coverage can be effected.

[Redacted] has advised that he did not expect to be appointed as one of the official delegates to represent the Association of South Carolina Klans at the Montgomery meeting 5/22/60; however, *[Redacted]*, *[Redacted]* of the Florida Knights of the Ku Klux Klan have invited him to attend the meeting with them either of whom can insure that he will be permitted to attend all meetings with them in an advisory capacity.

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| 2 - Jacksonville (Encls. 2) (RM) | (1cc 105-469 - Association of South Carolina Klans) |
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In the event Mobile desires [redacted] to attend the meeting, Mobile should advise Charlotte and the Bureau in order that Bureau authority can be obtained. It is anticipated informant's expenses for the trip to Montgomery, Alabama, would not exceed [redacted]

[redacted] mentioned in this letterhead memo is [redacted] made available the report covering the meeting at Columbia to SA [redacted] [redacted] the original of which is filed in Charlotte file [redacted]

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Charlotte, North Carolina
April 18, 1960

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SPECIAL MEETING OF KLAN
ORGANIZATIONS, COLUMBIA,
SOUTH CAROLINA, APRIL 10, 1960
RACIAL MATTERS

On April 13, 1960, [] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that a special meeting of the heads of several Klans and their delegates, or a consolidation of Klans, was held at the Skyline Club in West Columbia, South Carolina, on Sunday, April 10, 1960. [] stated that the following officers from the various Klans designated were present at this meeting:

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[] estimated there were between 190 to 200 members present at this meeting.

[] stated that the delegates from Arkansas brought with them to the meeting several papers and photostats which indicated that []

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[redacted] of the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan had been convicted of various felonies including one for transporting a minor female across the state line for immoral purposes. This proof was presented behind closed doors to the delegates from Florida and South Carolina only and nothing regarding the matter was brought out on the floor of the open meeting. [redacted] stated that Florida and South Carolina decided in a private session to return all seals and appointment papers to [redacted] in the near future thereby dropping out from under [redacted] rule. It was brought out during the private session that [redacted] had sent word to Florida and South Carolina forbidding them from attending the meeting in Columbia on April 10, 1960, but instead they were to attend a special called meeting in Texarkana, Arkansas, on April 17, 1960. It was decided that none of the Florida or South Carolina Klansmen would attend the meeting called by [redacted] and scheduled for April 17, 1960.

Each Grand Dragon present was requested to name the men who were to act as delegates from his state. When [redacted] of Charlotte, North Carolina, was asked to name men from North Carolina, he acted rather confused and although he finally named two men he gave the impression to the other delegates that he did not have any Klan or active Klavern under his control. Later during a private discussion when [redacted] was not present it was decided to question him further on the matter at a later date.

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It was decided at the meeting that this consolidation of Klans would form ideas during the next five weeks regarding ways to boycott various businesses who employ Negroes who take part in "sit-downs" or other forms of agitating and also some way to put ads in local newspapers letting the public know that the Klan was still active.

It was decided that the next meeting of this group of Klan organizations would be held in Montgomery, Alabama on Sunday, May 22, 1960, beginning at 9:00 A.M. Anything that is approved at the meeting in Montgomery would then be carried out in any active State the same way as the cross burning which was held on March 26, 1960, and participated in by the various Klan organizations. All the delegates present at this meeting seemed to think that the last cross burnings had proved to be very good from a publicity standpoint since it showed the people there was some sort of unity between all the different states where the crosses were burned. Mention was made and the delegates present felt that a boycott of a group or newspaper ads all put out or began at the same time would also be very effective.

It was decided at the meeting that a special request would be sent [redacted] of Anniston, Alabama, requesting that [redacted] attend the meeting scheduled for Montgomery, Alabama. This is to be done because the delegates felt that [redacted] did not attend the meeting in Columbia because he thought that [redacted] of Montgomery, Alabama, would be present and also the delegates

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felt that [] controls a larger group of men in Alabama than [] controls.

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The meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:00 P.M., April 10, 1960.

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Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (100-356570)

DATE: 4/27/60

Attention: FBI Laboratory

FROM : SAC, Miami (100-11349)

SUBJECT:

KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC., aka
RACIAL MATTERSALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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DATE 8-16-88 BY SP8 JFJ/etAt the recent meeting of all Klans held at
Columbia, South Carolina, on April 9 and 10, 1960, [redacted][redacted]
for the National Grand Council of Klans. This Columbia
meeting was a meeting of representatives from most of the
various Klans operating in the Southeastern United States
and the purpose was to take steps to organize all of the
Klans into one operating group directed by the Grand Council.
The Imperial Wizard of each Klan and two delegates from
each Klan will make up the membership of the Grand Council.The acting Chairman of the National Grand
Council asked [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]Identification of the various Klans would not be
a problem as [redacted]
identify the Klan. [redacted]
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It is suggested that the code possibly might be made by using the Kloran, a copy of which is enclosed herewith, and which will be available and in the possession of each member of the National Council.

The Laboratory is requested to furnish Miami by May 13, 1960, a simple code as outlined hereinbefore.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 4/28/60

FROM : SAC, MOBILE (157-13)

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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DATE 8-16-88 BY 5884 JATSUBJECT: KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC., aka
RACIAL MATTERS
(AT: OO)Re Charlotte letter to Bureau 4/18/60, and Miami
airtel to Bureau 4/15/60.

Referenced communications and enclosures relate that the next convention of proposed component Klans of captioned group is scheduled to be at the Whitley Hotel, Montgomery, Ala., on 5/22/60. Charlotte raised the question of informants coming to Montgomery to cover the meeting.

[redacted] Whitley Hotel, reliable and established contact of Mobile, advised on 4/25/60 that he had not yet received any request from captioned group for a meeting room and said that if and when such request is received, he does not intend to rent them any space. Referring to the recently publicized local matter in which [redacted]

[redacted] for the Arkansas Klan which is affiliated with captioned group, passed a number of worthless checks in Montgomery, [redacted] said that he is convinced that captioned group is a disreputable organization, and would very likely embarrass his hotel if he continues to permit them to meet there. Mr. [redacted] said that he was originally misled into renting them meeting space before because the arrangements were made by [redacted] a wealthy and presentable person. [redacted] said that his own word is not final on this matter, but that he is confident that the owners of the hotel will agree with him that no further dealings should be had with this group.

If KKKK, Inc. is not able to get the Whitley Hotel, they will probably not meet in Montgomery.

It appears that the only Klan group in Mobile Office area which was affiliated with KKKK, Inc., namely Federated Ku

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Klux Klans, Inc. [redacted] is no longer so affiliated. [redacted] did not attend the 4/10/60 meeting at Columbia, S.C., and has reportedly said that he will not attend future conventions until the various groups publicly repudiate [redacted] is a member of Federated Ku Klux Klans, Inc., and may receive information about the changed plans for the next convention, and if so, all offices will be advised.

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Charlotte, Miami, and other offices having sources, should be alert to obtain details of changes of plans for the next convention, and at that time submit requests for Bureau authority to send informants.

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TO DIRECTOR , FBI , SAC-S CHARLOTTE AND MIAMI
FROM SAC MOBILE 157-13 1 P

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KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC., AKA. RACIAL MATTERS. RE
MOLET TO BUREAU, APRIL TWENTYEIGHT, LAST, CHARLOTTE TELETYPE
SIXTEENTH INSTANT CAPTIONED [REDACTED]

AND MIAMI AIRTEL, ELEVENTH INSTANT CAPTIONED [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WHITLEY HOTEL, MONTGOMERY,
ALA., ADVISED [REDACTED] HOTEL REFUSED TO MAKE RESERVATIONS FOR
CAPTIONED GROUP BUT LEARNED THAT GROUP HAS RESERVATIONS FOR
ROOMS NIGHT OF TWENTYFIRST, NEXT, AND MEETING ROOM FOR
TWENTYSECOND, NEXT, AT DINKLER JEFFERSON DAVIS HOTEL, MONTGOMERY,
ALA. INQUIRY AT LATTER HOTEL DETERMINED THAT RESERVATIONS HAD
BEEN MADE FOR SOME FIFTEEN OR TWENTY DELEGATES BUT BEING CONCERNED
OVER POSSIBLE EMBARRASMENT HOTEL IS TODAY SENDING TELEGRAM TO [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WEST COLUMBIA, S. C. , THAT THE HOTEL CANNOT
ACCOMMODATE THAT GROUP. BUREAU AND INTERESTED OFFICES WILL BE KEPT
ADVISED.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR
ATTN: FBI LABORATORY

DATE: 5/9/60

FROM : SAC, SAVANNAH (100-2434)

SUBJECT: KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.
~~U. S. KLANS, aka~~
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Forwarded herewith to the Laboratory is one roll of exposed film, 35 mm, 25 feet, of which approximately 300 frames were exposed. Contents are exposures of KKKK documents of membership, financial, and other records of Klavern # 44, KKKK, Blackshear, Georgia, furnished to SA [redacted] on April 19, 1960, for photographing.

REQUEST OF LABORATORY:

Develop enclosed film, print one copy of each negative, return prints and negatives to Savannah Office.

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To: SAC, Savannah (100-2434)

From: Director, FBI

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Reurlet 5-9-60.

Roll of film transmitted with above-dated letter to far underexposed to make readable prints due to fact film loaded in reverse position and exposures made through back of film. All Micro-file film wound with emulsion in and must be loaded so emulsion faces lens of camera. Also, increase exposure time. Material should be rephotographed.

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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.**

To: **FBI, Miami (100-11349)**

Date: **May 9, 1960**

Re: **KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN,
INC., aka RACIAL MATTERS**

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **100-356570**
Lab. No. **CR-11741 DO**

Examination requested by: **SAC, Miami**

Reference: **Letter 4/27/60**

Examination requested: **Cryptanalysis**

Remarks:

None

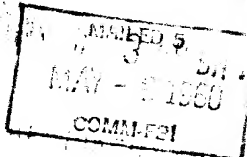
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TO DIRECTOR FBI AND SAC MIAMI

FROM SAC KNOXVILLE 157-28 1P

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KNIGHTS OF THE KKK, INC., RM. RE CHARLOTTE AND ATLANTA TELS

THIS DATE. KX INFORMANTS HAVE NOT RECEIVED ANY INFORMATION

CHANGED MEETING PLACE MAY TWENTYTWO, SIXTY. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WILL NOT BE INVITED UNLESS MEETING SCHEDULED

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ATTEND. MIAMI CONSIDER SENDING INFORMANT.

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AND ATLANTA

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KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC., AKA. RACIAL MATTERS. RE
MOBILE TELETYPE TO BUREAU MAY EIGHTEEN, LAST, AND MIAMI AIRTEL
MAY ELEVEN, LAST, CAPTIONED [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ADVISED MEETING OF NATIONAL COUNCIL OF
CAPTIONED GROUP TO BE HELD GRADY HOTEL, ATLANTA, GA., MAY TWENTY
TWO, NEXT. BUREAU REQUESTED TO ADVISE MIAMI IF AUTHORITY
GRANTED FOR INFORMANT TO ATTEND MEETING AND IF [REDACTED]
TRAVEL EXPENSE AUTHORIZED. IF AUTHORITY GRANTED, INFORMANT
WOULD DEPART [REDACTED]

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TO DIRECTOR FBI ~~100-356570~~ ¹⁵⁷⁻¹⁶⁸, AND SACS ATLANTA /157-60/,

CHARLOTTE /157-114/, KNOXVILLE /157-28/, AND MIAMI /137-363/

FROM SAC MOBILE /157-13/ 1P

A KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC., RACIAL MATTERS.

REMOTEL SEVENTEENTH INSTANT. [REDACTED] DINKLER JEFFERSON

DAVIS HOTEL, MONTGOMERY, ALA., CONFIRMED TODAY HE ADVISED

[REDACTED] OF COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA THAT HE COULD

NOT ACCOMMODATE GROUP. [REDACTED] GREYSTONE

HOTEL, AND [REDACTED] EXCHANGE HOTEL, OTHER TWO

HOTELS IN MONTGOMERY, ALERTED FOR APPLICATION FOR RESERVATIONS

FROM [REDACTED] AND WILL ADVISE IF ANY SUCH RECEIVED. FOR INFO

BUREAU ETAL, WHEREVER MEETING CAPTIONED GROUP HELD, MOBILE

HAS NO PARTICIPATING GROUP AND CAN THEREFORE FURNISH NO INFORMANT

COVERAGE. RECEIVING OFFICES SHOULD ALERT INFORMANTS FOR NEW

DEVELOPMENTS AS TO MEETING AND SHOULD REQUEST BUREAU AUTHORITY

TO SEND INFORMANTS AS SOON AS SUCH DATA DEVELOPED. RECEIVING

OFFICES SHOULD CONSIDER SEEKING BUREAU AUTHORITY IN ADVANCE

TO SEND INFORMANTS TO MEETING WHEREVER MEETING HELD SINCE TIME

FOR MEETING GETTING SHORT.

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TO DIRECTOR, AND SACS, ATLANTA, SAVANNAH, MIAMI, MOBILE
AND KNOXVILLE

FROM SAC, CHARLOTTE 157-114 1P

KNIGHTS OF THE KKK, INC., RACIAL MATTERS. RE MOBILE TEL
TO BUREAU MAY EIGHTEEN, SIXTY.

[REDACTED] ADVISED TODAY HE RECEIVED CALL MAY EIGHTEEN FROM [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] OF THE FLA. KNIGHTS OF THE KKK. [REDACTED]

ADVISED INFORMANT MEETING CAPTIONED GROUP PREVIOUSLY
SCHEDULED MONTGOMERY, ALA., NOW TO BE HELD HENRY GRADY
HOTEL, ATLANTA, GA., MAY TWENTYONE AND TWENTYTWO, SIXTY.
ATLANTA SUTEL BUREAU AND APPROPRIATE OFFICES IF SERVICES
INFORMANTS OTHER DIVISIONS NEEDED FOR COVERAGE THIS MEETING.

[REDACTED] IN POSITION TO ATTEND
FORTHCOMING MEETING. BUREAU AUTHORITY REQUESTED TO PAY

[REDACTED] FOR EXPENSES NOT TO

[REDACTED] IF SERVICES NEEDED AND TO ADVISE

[REDACTED] ONE PM, MAY TWENTY NEXT, IF AUTHORITY GRANTED.

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TO SACS ATLANTA (157-80)
CHARLOTTE (157-114)
MIAMI
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FROM DIRECTOR FBI (157-168) -16

KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC., RACIAL MATTERS. RE CHARLOTTE
TEL MAY NINETEENTH, NINETEEN SIXTY AND MOBILE TEL MAY EIGHTEENTH
LAST. PROVIDED ATLANTA OFFICE DESIRES COVERAGE BY [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] CLOSE PAREN AND [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] CLOSE PAREN, AUTHORITY IS GRANTED FOR
THESE INFORMANTS TO ATTEND MEETING OF CAPTIONED ORGANIZATION
TO BE HELD ATLANTA, GEORGIA, MAY TWENTYONE AND TWENTYTWO NEXT.
CHARLOTTE AUTHORIZED TO PAY UP TO [REDACTED] FOR EXPENSES
OF ITS INFORMANT IN CONNECTION WITH THIS TRIP IF MADE. MIAMI
IS AUTHORIZED TO PAY UP TO [REDACTED] TO ITS INFORMANT
IN CONNECTION WITH THIS TRIP IF MADE. PAYMENT AUTHORIZATIONS
ARE IN ADDITION TO THOSE ALREADY IN EFFECT FOR THESE INFORMANTS.

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NOTE: The Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., is a newly formed confederation of Klan organizations. It planned to hold third organizational meeting Montgomery, Alabama, 5-22-60, however, unable to obtain hotel reservations and Charlotte advised by tel today meeting will be held Atlanta, Georgia, 5-21 and 22-60. Charlotte and Miami previously advised [redacted]

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[redacted] were available to attend meeting. Charlotte tel requests Atlanta sutel if services of informants from other divisions needed to cover this meeting. In view of short time available to make arrangements it is believed Bureau should authorize two informants in question to attend if desired by Atlanta. *Charlotte desires advice by 1 PM 5/20/60.*

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TO DIRECTOR /157-168/, SACS CHARLOTTE /157114/, MIAMI AND KNOX
FROM SAC ATLANTA 157-60/ 1P

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KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC., RM. REBUTEL MAY NINETEEN
SIXTY. ATLANTA RECOMMENDS CHARLOTTE AND MIAMI INFORMANTS COVER
ATLANTA MEETING. NOT BELIEVED NECESSARY FOR KNOXVILLE TO SEND
INFORMANT.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI SAC-S CHARLOTTE, KNOXVILLE AND MIAMI

FROM SAC ATLANTA /157-60/ 1P

KNIGHTS OF THE KKK, INC. RM. RE CE TEL THIS DATE. NO INDICATION
ATLANTA KLAN GROUPS WILL AFFILIATE WITH ORGANIZATIONS HOLDING
MEETING MENTIONED RETEL. ATLANTA RECOMMENDS COVERAGE OF
MEETING BY TWO INFORMANTS FROM OTHER DIVISION, INCLUDING
CHARLOTTE INFORMANT. KNOXVILLE REQUESTED TO IMMEDIATELY ADVISE
BUREAU IF INFORMANT AVAILABLE FOR TRIP ATLANTA AND IF NOT ADVISE
MIAMI IN ORDER THAT MIAMI MAY CONSIDER SENDING INFORMANT.

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Date:

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Transmit the following in **AIRTEL****AIRMAIL**
(Type in plain text or code)Via _____
(Priority or Method of Mailing)TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (~~100-356570~~)FROM: SAC, MIAMI (100-11349)

0 KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, Inc.,
aka.
RACIAL MATTERS

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Re Miami teletype to Bureau 5/19/60, and Bureau
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Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and seven copies of a letterhead memorandum dated as above, captioned "KU KLUX KLAN CONVENTION, ATLANTA, GEORGIA, MAY 22, 1960".

Source of this information is [redacted]
of Miami.

For the information of all Offices, the code referred to in enclosed letterhead memorandum, was prepared by the Bureau at the request of the Miami Office, and same was furnished to [redacted]

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Careful consideration has been given to source concealed and identity was concealed only where deemed necessary.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
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Miami, Florida

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RE: KU KLUX KLAN CONVENTION,
ATLANTA, GEORGIA
MAY 22, 1960

A source who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished the following information on May 24, 1960:

On May 22, 1960, leaders of the various Klan groups in the Southeastern United States, gathered at Atlanta, Georgia, in a meeting to further finalize the consolidation of all Klans for a joint operation. Most of the Klan leaders arrived on Saturday, May 21, 1960, and most of them registered at the Henry Grady Hotel in Atlanta. No formal meetings were held on Saturday. Some of the leaders and delegates gathered in the various rooms at the hotel, where they spent their time drinking and holding informal discussions.

[redacted] of the
Dixie Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Chattanooga, Tennessee,
and [redacted] of the Southern Knights
of the Ku Klux Klan, Florida, during conversation on
Saturday evening, talked about the recent dynamiting

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RE: KU KLUX KLAN CONVENTION

of a Negro home which resulted in the death of a Negro woman. This dynamiting took place 15 or 20 miles from the Tennessee-Georgia state line and [] felt that it was a job well done and was very boastful of this fact. He stated that there was enough "stuff" there to blow them both to kingdom come. [] stated that he was sorry the woman was killed and also commented that the papers had said that this was not the result of a racial situation. [] related that they will not say that any more, as the authorities now know that this Negro was a stooge for MARTIN LUTHER KING and the NAACP.

On Sunday, May 22, 1960, a meeting of the National Grand Council of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, with Grand Dragons and Klan delegates of each Klan in attendance, was held in Conference Room 300 of the Henry Grady Hotel, Atlanta, Georgia. This meeting started at 9 AM, with about [] persons in attendance, and lasted to approximately 3 PM.

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The following were in attendance:

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Association of Arkansas
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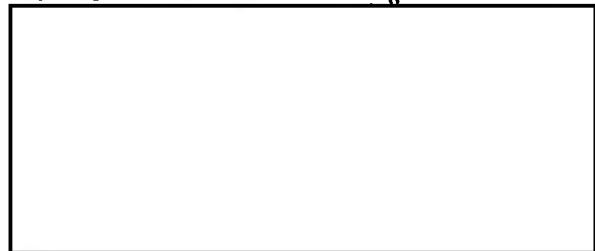
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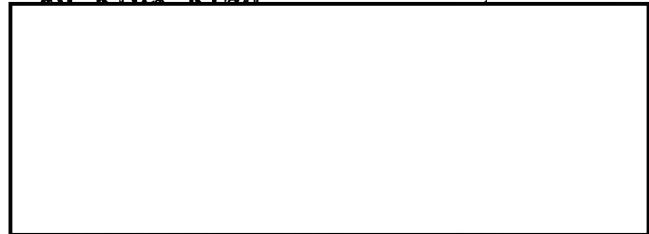
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Florida Knights of the
Ku Klux Klan



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Southern Knights of the
Ku Klux Klan



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Association of the Georgia
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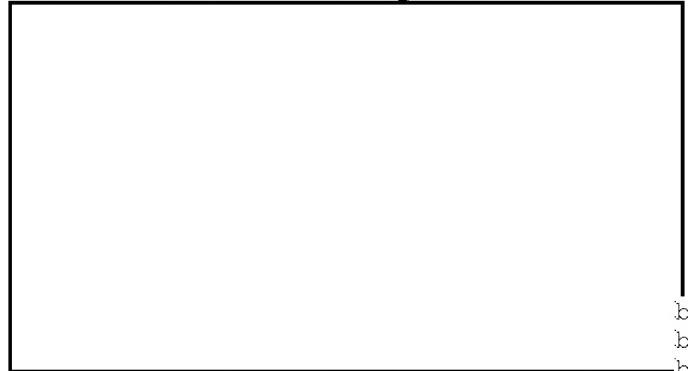
Knights of the Ku Klux Klan



RE: KU KLUX KLAN CONVENTION

South Carolina

Association of South Carolina
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Tennessee

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Texas

(This organization not referred
to as a Klan and the name is
changed from time to time.)

[redacted] of the meeting and the
following items of business were discussed:

FIRST:

A discussion was held as to why two hotels
in Montgomery, Alabama, would not allow the meeting
to be held in their respective hotels. [redacted] stated
that both hotels had first OK'd their meeting but canceled

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out the last minute. He stated that he had received a collect wire from the second hotel canceling their reservation, but that he had refused to accept payment for this wire. After the discussion on this problem, a committee was appointed, headed by [] to check the two hotels in Montgomery to determine if there were legitimate reasons for the cancellations of their reservations, or if the cancellations were a result of it being a Klan meeting. If it is determined that the reservations were canceled for the latter reason, then steps will be taken to send out literature to boycott these two hotels in Montgomery.

SECOND:

They voted approval to have a committee draw up plans and design a flag to be used as the flag of the National Grand Council of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. This committee was to be composed of []

[] the plan and drawing to be presented at the next scheduled meeting.

THIRD:

They voted approval to expel the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Georgia, which group is headed by []. This was passed one hundred percent and this group is never to be invited to attend the meeting of the National Grand Council. All steps necessary are to be taken to stop [] from any further organization of his group. The expulsion of [] was a result of []

[] of Florida, knowing that [] had testified against another Klansman to an investigative committee of the Legislature for the State of Florida.

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This testimony took place in Tallahassee, Florida, and the committee was headed by [REDACTED]

FOURTH:

They voted approval to establish a National Fund and a National Secretary. No funds are to be maintained on a state level for the express purpose for the defense of any Klan member. The national fund will be used for the defense of Klan members who have become involved in trouble while performing official Klan business, which business was previously authorized by proper authorities.

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They voted approval to hold the next meeting of the National Council of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan on July 17, 1960, at Orlando, Florida. At this meeting it will be decided who the National Secretary will be and how much the various Klans and Klan members are to contribute to the national fund.

Members are to meet in Orlando, Florida, Friday night, July 15, 1960, and are to stay at the LaFiesta Motel, Orlando, Florida, which is [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] was selected to make arrangements to reserve fishing boats in order that Klan members who wished to could go deep sea fishing on Saturday, at an estimated cost of \$5.00 per person. A fish fry will then be scheduled for Saturday night.

SIXTH:

They passed a resolution calling for a big meeting to be held at Stone Mountain, Georgia, a

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tentative date set for the Sunday prior to Labor Day, exact date to be decided July 17, 1960, in Orlando.

SEVENTH:

They passed a resolution to nominate Governor FAUBUS of Arkansas, for the next President of the United States, and to pick a Vice-President at the Orlando meeting. The nomination of these individuals to take place at the Stone Mountain meeting in Georgia.

EIGHTH:

A discussion was held concerning the way in which the Negroes were handled in Biloxi, Mississippi, when they attempted to use the beach set aside for the white people. All agreed this situation was well handled and any further situation arising on the beaches could be handled in the same manner by the Klan on a local level.

NINTH:

A discussion was held concerning the school situation and all were in agreement that more drastic steps must be taken to stop any further school integration. It was further agreed that the best way to stop integration in schools is to "knock off" the leaders, be they white or colored.

TENTH:

A short discussion was held concerning law enforcement, the FBI and other Government agencies.

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It was agreed that conflict with law enforcement agencies would not be tolerated and all Klan members were cautioned not to become involved with the law, even though they were in complete disagreement with these people.

ELEVENTH:

Several of the leaders of the various Klans made short speeches, after each speech a vote was taken to determine if there was general agreement with the speaker. Some of the Klan members making speeches were:



[redacted] stated that he was not going to beat around the bush and if necessary he was going to resort to violence, and if the rest of the members at the meeting did not agree with him, he was going home.

[redacted] received unanimous agreement from those at the meeting.

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[redacted] in their remarks, also advocated violence if necessary to keep segregation in the South. They also received unanimous approval from those present.

[redacted] remarks were less violent in nature and he stated that he believed it would not be necessary to resort to violence in Texas.

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[] stated that he would have copies made of [] and that they would be distributed to the Grand Dragons and the Imperial Wizards only.

[] in a discussion with various members of the Klan, related that the Negro block-busting in Atlanta had been broken up. He stated that a house which had been sold to a Negro family in Atlanta was blown up the day before the family was to move in. He also related that the Mayor of Atlanta had been warned concerning this matter of block-busting and that if he did not stop it, he (the Mayor) would be pushing up daisies in the cemetery.

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[] explained that block-busting was a means by which unscrupulous real estate men obtained valuable property by threats of Negro people moving into the community.

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Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (100-356570)

DATE: 5/31/60

FROM : SAC, Charlotte (157-114)

SUBJECT: KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.,
Aka
RACIAL MATTERS

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Re Charlotte tel to Bureau 5/19/60 and Butel to
Charlotte 5/19/60.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 8 copies of a letterhead
memo concerning National Meeting of the Various Klan Organizations
held Atlanta, Georgia, May 22, 1960.

Two copies are being submitted for the information of
the offices designated.

[redacted] whose informant report
has not been authenticated to date but original report will be
filed in Charlotte file [redacted]

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RE: NATIONAL MEETING OF THE VARIOUS
KLAN ORGANIZATIONS HELD AT
ATLANTA, GEORGIA, May 22, 1960
RACIAL MATTER

On May 24, 1960, [redacted], who has furnished reliable information in the past advised that a special meeting of the heads of various Klan Organizations was held in Room 300, Henry Grady Hotel, Atlanta, Georgia, beginning at 9:00 a.m., on Sunday, May 22, 1960. The following individuals representing the Klan designated were present for this meeting:

[redacted] Association of South
Carolina Klans;

[redacted] of Association of South
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[redacted], Association of South
Carolina Klans;

[redacted] Association of
South Carolina Klans;

[redacted] of Florida Ku Klux Klan,
Samsula, Florida;

[redacted] Florida Ku Klux Klan,
Tallahassee, Florida;

[redacted] of Florida Ku Klux Klan,
Orlando, Florida;

[redacted] Association of Arkansas Klans,
Pine Bluff, Arkansas;

[redacted] of Arkansas Klans, Pine Bluff,
Arkansas [redacted] was identified as man [redacted] at Little
Rock, Arkansas;

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[redacted] Association of Arkansas Klans, West Memphis,
Arkansas;

[redacted] Association of North Carolina Klans,
Charlotte, N. C.;

[redacted] of So. Knights of Florida.
Oldsmar, Florida;

[redacted] of S. C. Klans, 3100 N. W.
Miami Ave., Miami, Florida;

[redacted] of So. Knights of Fla., Belle
Glade, Florida;

[redacted] of Dixie Klans, Inc.,
Chattanooga, Tenn.;

[redacted] of Dixie Klans, No. Geo.
Division, Roseville, Ga.;

[redacted] of Hyksos of Houston, Texas;

[redacted] of Federation of Klans, representing
[redacted] referred to [redacted]

[redacted] Dixie Klans, Inc., Chattanooga,
Tenn., was with [redacted]

[redacted] representing Association of Georgia
Klans, Atlanta, Ga. (He has been closely connected with [redacted]
of S. C. and his application blanks are almost identical to
S. C. Klans);

[redacted] Association of Georgia Klans;
[redacted] Atlanta,
Georgia, member of Association of Georgia Klans;

[redacted] Association of Georgia Klans, Atlanta,
Georgia.

[redacted] estimated there were [redacted] members present for this
meeting.

[redacted] stated that it is a rule or by-law of this group of
klans that no new klan that was not present at the Columbia,
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South Carolina meeting could sit in at any future meeting unless they be voted in unanimously, so the first business at hand was to identify any present who were new and vote to see if they would be allowed to remain. [redacted] who claims he has a group in Houston, Texas, that go by the name of Hyksos, and are klan-like in actions and believe in the same things that the klan does and that he came to this meeting to get in touch with the right people so that he could start an association of Klans in connection with this group. He is a close friend of [redacted] and apparently a part-time Union Organizer, United Southern Employees Association, Inc.

There was a group present representing the Association of Georgia Klans, apparently under the [redacted] and vouched for by [redacted] of South Carolina.

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A third group was the [redacted] of West Memphis, Arkansas who is organizing in Tennessee under the Association of Arkansas Klans.

A motion was made to allow these three groups to sit in at this and future meetings. Motion carried unanimously.

[redacted] of Chattanooga, Tennessee, suggested that this group get together and design a Klan Flag that would be used by all member groups as an Association Flag instead of each group or Klan having it's own different flag. There were many different designs suggested and it was finally decided that a committee consisting of three men would be appointed to bring to the next meeting several different samples made up and ready to be voted on. Committee appointed as follows: [redacted] of Federated Klans of Alabama; [redacted] of Florida Ku Klux Klan, and [redacted] of Dixie Klans, Inc., of Chattanooga, Tennessee.

[redacted] of Biloxi, Mississippi had called [redacted] at his room [redacted] at about 1:00 a.m. to tell [redacted] he could not be present at this meeting but would appreciate notice of time and place of next meeting.

A motion was made to hold a Motorcade to Stone Mountain, Georgia, on a day around the 20th of September, this day to be known as Klan-Day. All Klans to take part in this motorcade are to start from their home state and try to hold a parade as large as possible all the way to Stone Mountain. Motion carried. This motorcade to take place after the next meeting of this group so that each group will have time to have flags made that will be identical.

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A Resolution was made to send a letter of commendation to Governor FAUBUS of Arkansas, for his stand on States Rights. Also that each man should write a personal letter to him and mail it from his own state.

A recommendation was made by [redacted] that some sort of advertizing committee should be appointed to look into the possibility of educating the people of the north to the Southern point of view. He stated that each state group should try to get their state legislature to pass an appropriation for such a state educational fund. He stated that Florida almost got such a bill through during their past term of the legislature.

[redacted] of Arkansas made a motion that the next meeting should be held at Orlando, Florida. Motion carried. [redacted] of Tallahassee, Florida, was elected to be the [redacted] at this meeting with [redacted] to be [redacted] of Orlando, Florida, will be [redacted] and will have list of the names and addresses of all who are to be invited or to receive news of coming events and instructions. A deep-sea fishing trip will be planned for any members who can arrive in Orlando, Florida, by the night of Friday, July 15, 1960. Fishing trip will be from Canaveral Harbor, Florida, on Saturday, July 16, 1960, on chartered boat. Any reservations or questions should be called to [redacted] t Orlando, Florida, [redacted] Address of his business office is [redacted] Winter Park, Florida, which is on [redacted] business meeting will be held at the 7-1 Club on Kaw Lige Lane, Orlando, Florida, starting at 9:00 a.m., Sunday, July 17, 1960.

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[redacted] of Southern Knights of Florida, made a motion that [redacted] a past Florida Ku Klux Klan officer, should never be allowed to set in a meeting of this group because of "fingering" of former and present klan members in Florida. Also that [redacted] of Ku Klux Klan, Incorporated of Georgia, should be barred because he has issued a charter to [redacted] to organize in Florida. There was an ammendment to this motion to include [redacted] The name of [redacted] of Charlotte, North Carolina, who was supposed to be included in this group to be barred, was not brought up at this time because [redacted] was present. Before the meeting started it was ascertained that [redacted] was not registered at the hotel and it was assumed that he was not going to be present; however, he arrived by bus just before the meeting started, so [redacted] did not include his name. The motion carried, thereby outlawing, [redacted]

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[] of Pine Bluff, Arkansas, gave a long speech, regarding the use of advertising and printed pamphlets in the Klan fight against Negro sit-in's at lunch counters. He introduced [] as the man who had carried the American flag at a parade in Little Rock, Arkansas and who a police chief called "BILLY CLUB" had taken the flag away from and thrown on the ground when he arrested []. He also hinted that when "BILLY CLUB" and his wife were found shot to death later in their home, in Little Rock, that it had not been a suicide or a murder and suicide, but that it had been taken care of by certain parties instead. Sounded more like a bragging lie than the truth.

[] of West Memphis, Arkansas, stated that there was a possibility of there being a communist front organization started to be able to publicly back anything that the NAACP or the communists did, and during elections they would publicly announce in favor of any candidate that the Klan did not want elected. This movement is to be kept very secret, but further developments are supposedly to be reported on at the forthcoming Orlando meeting.

[] stated that the meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 6/30/60

FROM : SAC, Knoxville (157-28)

SUBJECT: ~~KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, Inc.,~~
~~aka KKKK, Inc.~~
~~RACIAL MATTERS~~
~~(Atlanta O.O.)~~

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Enclosed to the Bureau are seven copies of a letterhead memo, Knoxville, dated 6/30/60, in captioned matter. Copies have been disseminated locally to G-2, ONI, and OSI. Appropriate copies of letterhead memo have been submitted with copies of this letter to the divisions as set forth below for information since each of these divisions reportedly had representatives present at the meeting described in letterhead memo.

ADMINISTRATIVE

[redacted] who furnished information by written report to SA [redacted] original report filed in Knoxville file [redacted]

For the information of the Atlanta Division, [redacted] advised that [redacted] Rossville, Ga., [redacted] Chattanooga, Tenn., [redacted] Tuscaloosa, Ala., all stayed at the Robin Hood Tourist Court on the south expressway, U. S. Highway 41, near Riverdale, Ga., on the night of 6/11/60. He advised that [redacted] Tampa, Fla., and [redacted] Biloxi, Miss., stayed at the Airport Motel, south expressway, near Riverdale, Ga., night of 6/11/60. Informant pointed

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out that on the afternoon prior to the regular meeting of this organization at 7:00 p.m., that the above individuals were met by a delegation from Jonesboro, Georgia, including [redacted] (FNU) last name [redacted] and one or two other individuals. All of the above had just had a general discussion concerning the purpose of the meeting and concerning klankraft.

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The meeting described in the enclosed letter-head memo was the regular meeting hall of Riverdale Klavern, a two story brick building, one block west of Highway 85 (Georgia) at Riverdale, Georgia. Entrance to the meeting hall was gained on the southside rear of the second floor. Informant stated that the klavern hall was completely equipped with all klan stations in order and all necessary equipment for the holding of a formal klan meeting.



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Knoxville, Tennessee
June 30, 1960

**KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, Inc.
also known as KKKK, Inc.
RACIAL MATTERS**

Confidential [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, on June 24, 1960, furnished the following information concerning an executive conference of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., consisting of executive officers of this organization: Grand Dragons, Imperial Officers, Kleagles, and Exalted Cyclops held at the Klan Hall, Riverdale, Georgia, June 11 and 12, 1960.

A special called meeting of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., was called for June 11 and 12, 1960, at Riverdale, Georgia, by [redacted]

[redacted] Jonesboro, Georgia. First meeting was to begin at 7:00 p.m. on June 11, 1960. The meeting began at 7:00 p.m. on this date under the [redacted]

[redacted] All Imperial Officers were seated in their respective stations and Klan ceremonies were opened in the regular form. The Imperial Kladd was then directed to [redacted] Alabama Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. [redacted] of

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State of Florida for the KKKK, Inc., and [redacted] of the KKKK, Inc. for the State of Mississippi, to the platform. They were introduced by [redacted] to those present. When the meeting began, there were [redacted] delegates present. [redacted] then addressed those present stating that he had no intentions of discriminating against any klansman or various klavern of this organization, but felt that this should be a planning meeting and executive officers, Grand Dragons, Imperial Officers, Kleagles, and Exalted Cyclops should only be present to discuss the various plans of this organization. He stated he appreciated that a number of the such officers could not be present, but that either a Kleagle or an Exalted Cyclops from these various areas was present to represent their various groups.

[redacted] then asked if there were any resolutions, at which point [redacted] stated they had a joint resolution to enter. [redacted] then read the resolution which had been prepared prior to the meeting by [redacted]

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The resolution was to institute a program, whereby all klansmen would work on an educational program to educate everyone as to what the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan stood for including a segregation program opposing integration of schools, churches, and restaurants. It was introduced that they would work with citizens, citizens' groups, teachers, PTA organizations, school and church groups, as to the meaning and definition of a U. S. Citizen under the U. S. Constitution and point out that the Democratic system of the United States Government would be destroyed if complete integration were accomplished.

[redacted] made a motion that the resolution include segregation in hotels, motels, swimming pools, and beaches. This amendment was approved and added to the original resolution which was adopted.

The various members and officials present were then asked for their comments concerning the above resolution.

[redacted], Tuscaloosa, Alabama, then spoke to the delegation. He stated he was constantly traveling throughout the State of Alabama in connection with his klan work and that great progress had been made in the State of Alabama by using an educational system and carrying to the people of the State of Alabama the aims and objectives of the klan in preserving segregation throughout the South.

[redacted] for the State of Mississippi, then spoke to those present stating that he had been using an educational system similar to the one just adopted in the State of Alabama. He pointed out that his group regularly meets with civic groups, teachers, PTA groups, church groups, and other school groups in an effort to preserve segregation in the South.

[redacted] for the State of Florida from Tampa, Florida, then spoke to the group, stating an educational program of the klan had always been the basic part of any klan program, as well as for other fraternal orders and civic groups. He pointed out there had been much criticism and that the klan groups should not become involved in politics. He pointed out that in order to maintain our Democratic system of Government that klansmen must do some politics. They should exercise their right to vote and to contact others and try to persuade those to qualify and vote; that klansmen should take the issues at stake to the people and explain to them by the use of an educational program the aims and purposes of the klan and the preservation of a segregated South. He pointed out that the citizens of Florida had become tired of LEROY COLLINS, Governor, and by taking their program and desires to the people of Florida as a group on a house-to-house type campaign, meeting with civic groups, church groups, they had succeeded in their recent election by electing a Governor of Florida, CARLTON.

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[redacted] then in turn introduced [redacted],
[redacted]
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All stated they agreed

with the discussion and adoption of the resolution as it had been passed. The meeting was then adjourned at approximately 11:00 p.m. to be reconvened at 10:00 a.m., Sunday morning, June 12, 1960.

The executive meeting of Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. was reconvened on Sunday morning at the Klavern Hall, Riverdale, Georgia, at 10:00 a.m., June 12, 1960. All officers were seated and [] members were present. This second session began under the []

[] of this organization.

At the morning session, []

[] plus many others whose names were not recalled, made brief speeches concerning ideas in connection with promotion of the klan in their various areas. The majority of the promotion programs were the same.

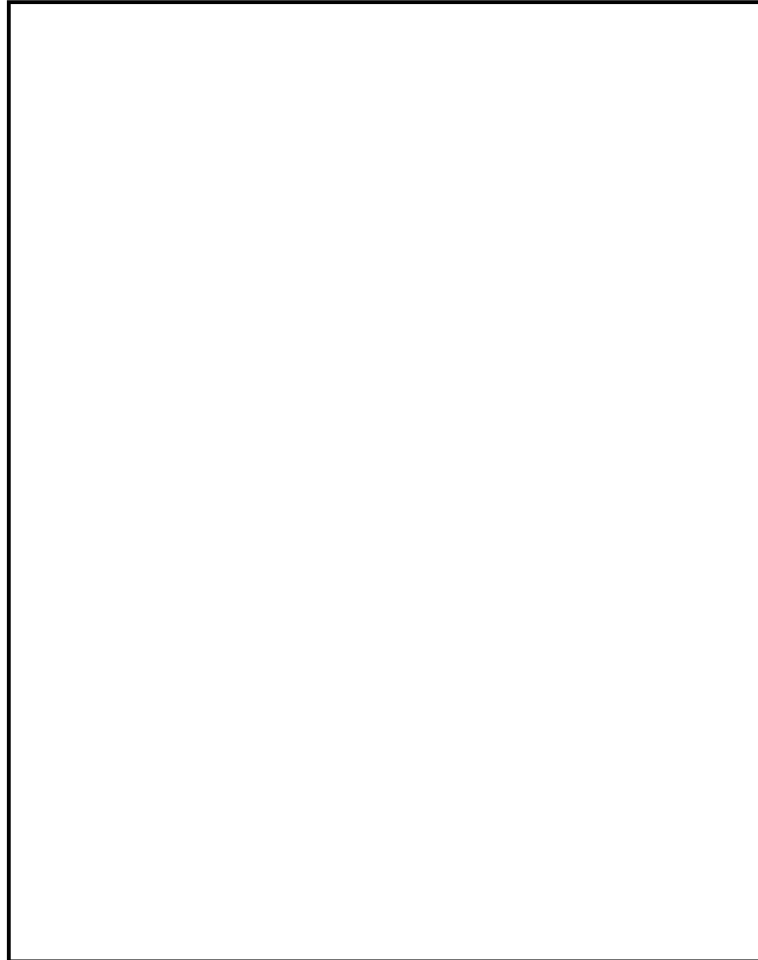
(FNU) [] a resident from the vicinity of Jonesboro, Georgia, who was a former old-time Kleagle, U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., under [] expressed his experience in organizing for various klan groups. He stated the best method was to go into a town or community, contact about a dozen men, pick the best one of the lot to serve as his representative and then visit this representative once a week and encourage these twelve men to make additional contacts. On his weekly visits he would pick up the applications already secured and that he stated he had never failed to organize and issue a charter in a community where he had used the above method.

[] made a suggestion that each klavern hold a briefing period once each month for the purpose of the educational program and require all new members to receive special instructions in the klan program as to what it actually stood for, their desires, aims and purposes. [] also made a motion that a program committee be elected to serve as directors in the form of an advisory board on an educational program for the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. This motion was

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seconded, voted on, and carried. [] was nominated for Chairman of this committee; however, [] pointed out that since the Imperial headquarters of this organization was in Atlanta, that he believed it would be more advisable for the Chairman and the educational committee to reside in the Atlanta area. Those present agreed and [] of such a committee. It was decided that PARK should elect his own members to serve with him on this committee. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:00 p.m.

Confidential [] advised that the principal leaders present at the meeting of June 11 and 12, 1960, were:



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Informant advised of the others present, the majority were from the immediate vicinity of Atlanta, Georgia. He pointed out that the State of South Carolina was represented at this meeting by Exalted Cyclops from one or two klaverns, but he was not able to obtain the name of these individuals or the cities or towns which they represented. Informant pointed out that the Imperial Kladd, Imperial Kludd, Imperial Klexter, and the Great Titan of Providence 5 were present at this meeting; however, their names were not obtained.

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[REDACTED] CLOSE PAREN. RE CHARLOTTE
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KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC., AKA KKKK, INC., RACIAL
MATTERS. UNQUOTE. MIAMI PRESENTLY AUTHORIZED TO PAY INFORMANT
UP TO [REDACTED]

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AUTHORIZATION WAS EFFECTIVE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] CHARLOTTE AUTHORIZED TO TAKE OVER
OPERATION OF INFORMANT IN ACCORDANCE WITH TERMS OF PRESENT
AUTHORIZATION. AUTHORITY ALSO GRANTED FOR INFORMANT TO ATTEND
KLAN MEETING AT CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE, MARCH TWELVE AND
THIRTEEN, NINETEEN SIXTY, AND CHARLOTTE MAY PAY HIM UP TO

[REDACTED] EXPENSES ACTUALLY INCURRED IN
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CAPTIONED INFORMANT TO ATTEND KLAN MEETING CHATTANOOGA,
TENNESSEE, MARCH TWELVE AND THIRTEEN NEXT. AUTHORITY ALSO
GRANTED TO PAY INFORMANT UP TO [REDACTED]
FOR EXPENSES ACTUALLY INCURRED BY HIM IN CONNECTION WITH THIS
TRIP. THIS IS OVER AND ABOVE REGULAR EXPENSE AUTHORIZATION.

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- 1 - [REDACTED]
① - 100-354570 (Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc)

NOTE:

[REDACTED] who is member of
NSRP in Miami. He is in frequent contact with
known segregationists and racists in Miami territory. He
attended meeting Atlanta, Georgia 2/27-28/60 composed of
delegates from various Klan organizations throughout the country.
New organization emerged known as National Council of Klans
and this group is holding a meeting Chattanooga, Tennessee,
3/12-13/60. Informant has been invited to attend and Miami
tel this date requests Bureau authority today since informant
will have to depart tomorrow morning.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-356570)

E: 7/21/60

FROM : SAC, CHARLOTTE (157-114)SUBJECT: KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.
RACIAL MATTERS

(OO: Atlanta)

On 7/13/60 [redacted] made available to SA [redacted] a pamphlet entitled "KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS OATH" indicating it was taken from the United States Congressional Record, Volume 49, Part 4, Page 3216 dated February 15, 1913, and the pamphlet being published by the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., P. O. Box 596, Atlanta 1, Ga. Informant advised he had received the pamphlet from [redacted] who is a member of the North Carolina Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

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Two autostat copies of this pamphlet are being furnished the Bureau and one for the Atlanta Division for information purposes. The original is being filed in 157-114-1A. RUC.

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bullet, regardless of the honor, rank, dignity, or authority of the persons, whatever may be their condition in life, either public or private, as I at any time may be directed so to do by any agents of the Pope or superior of the Brotherhood of the Holy Father of the Society of Jesus.

In confirmation of which I hereby dedicate my life, soul, and all corporal powers, and with the dagger which I now receive I will subscribe my name written in my blood in testimony thereof; and should I prove false or weaken in my determination, may my brethren and fellow soldiers of the militia of the Pope cut off my hands and feet and my throat from ear to ear, my belly opened, sulphur burned therein with all the punishments that can be inflicted upon me on earth and my soul shall be tortured by demons in eternal hell forever.

That I will in voting always vote for a K. of C. in preference to a Protestant, especially a Mason, and that I will leave my party so to do; that if two Catholics are on the ticket I will satisfy myself which is the better supporter of the Mother Church and vote accordingly.

That I will not deal with or employ a Protestant if in my power to deal with or employ a Catholic. That I will place Catholic girls in Protestant families that a weekly report may be made of the inner move-

ments of the heretics.

That I will provide myself with arms and ammunition that I may be in readiness when the word is passed, or I am commanded to defend the church either as an individual or with the militia of the Pope.

All of which I, _____, do swear by the blessed Trinity and blessed sacrament which I am now to receive to perform and on part to keep this, my oath.

In testimony hereof, I take this most holy and blessed Sacrament of the Eucharist and witness the same further with my name written with the point of this dagger dipped in my own blood and seal in the face of this holy sacrament.

A MAN OBLIGATED BY THIS OATH
SHOULD NEVER BE ALLOWED TO
SERVE AS PRESIDENT OF OUR
GREAT NATION.

PUBLISHED BY
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.
P. O. Box 596
ATLANTA 1, GA.

UNITED STATES
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VOL. 49 — PART 4, PAGE 3216
FEB. 15, 1913

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS OATH



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I, _____, now in the presence of Almighty God, the blessed Virgin Mary, the blessed St. John the Baptist, the Holy Apostles, St. Peter and St. Paul, and all the saints, sacred host of Heaven, and to you, my Ghostly Father, the superior general of the Society of Jesus, founded by St. Ignatius Loyola, in the pontification of Paul the III, and continued to the present, do by the womb of the Virgin, the matrix of God, and the rod of Jesus Christ, declare and swear that His Holiness, the Pope, is Christ's vice regent and is the true and only head of the Catholic or Universal Church throughout the earth; and that by virtue of the keys of binding and loosing given His Holiness by my Savior, Jesus Christ, he hath power to depose heretical kings, princes, States, Commonwealths, and Governments and they may be safely destroyed. Therefore to the utmost of my power I will defend this doctrine and His Holiness's right and custom against all usurpers of the heretical or Protestant authority whatever, especially the Lutheran Church of Germany, Holland, Denmark, Sweden, and Norway and the now pretended authority and Churches of England and Scotland, and the branches of same now established in Ireland and on the Continent of America and elsewhere, and all adherents in regard that they may be usurped and heretical, opposing the sacred Mother Church of Rome.

I do now denounce and disown any allegiance as due to any heretical king, prince, or State, named Protestant or Liberals, or obedience to any of their laws, magistrates, or officers.

I do further declare that the doctrine of the Churches of England and Scotland, of the Calvinists, Huguenots, and others of the name of Protestants or Masons to be damnable, and they themselves to be damned who will not forsake the same.

I do further declare that I will help, assist, and advise all or any of His Holiness's agents, in any place where I should be, in Switzerland, Germany, Holland, Ireland, or America or in any other kingdom or territory I shall come to and do my utmost to extirpate the heretical Protestant or Masonic doctrines and to destroy all their pretended powers, legal or otherwise.

I do further promise and declare that, notwithstanding I am dispensed with to assume any religion heretical for the propagation of the Mother Church's interest, to keep secret and private all her agents' counsels from time to time, as they intrust me, and not divulge, directly or indirectly, by word, writing, or circumstances whatever but to execute all that should be proposed, given in charge, or discovered unto me by you, my Ghostly Father, or any of this sacred order.

I do further promise and declare that I will have no opinion or will of my own or any mental reservation whatever, even as a corpse or cadaver (*perinde ac cadaver*), but will unhesitatingly obey each and every command that I may receive from my superiors in the militia of the Pope and of Jesus Christ.

That I will go to any part of the world whithersoever I may be sent, to the frozen regions north, jungles of India, to the centers of civilization of Europe, or to the wild haunts of the barbarous savages of America without murmuring or repining, and will be submissive in all things whatsoever is communicated to me.

I do further promise and declare that I will, when opportunity presents, make and wage relentless war, secretly and openly, against all heretics, Protestants and Masons, as I am directed to do, to extirpate them from the face of the whole earth: and that I will spare neither age, sex, or condition, and that I will hang, burn, waste, boil, flay, strangle and bury alive these infamous heretics: rip up the stomachs and wombs of their women, and crush their infants' heads against the walls in order to annihilate their execrable race. That when the same can not be done openly, I will secretly use the poisonous cup, the strangulation cord, the steel of the poniard, or the leaden

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 7/22/60

FROM : SAC, Tampa (157-72)

SUBJECT: ~~NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN~~
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.[REDACTED]
RACIAL MATTERS

~~NATIONAL~~
Re Knoxville letter to Director, 6/30/60, in case entitled 'KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC., aka. KKKK, Inc., RACIAL MATTERS.'

Information developed at Tampa, Florida, during recent weeks reveals that [REDACTED] Tampa, is attempting to recruit members into the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., in which organization he, [REDACTED] is alleged Florida [REDACTED] Atlanta, Georgia, is [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] advised on 7/21/60 that [REDACTED] stated, on 7/20/60, that he had on said date received a charter from [REDACTED] informant) and said, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] is expecting to affiliate with this group, same will be followed, and report submitted by Tampa when information is developed that an organization has actually been formed in this division.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-356570)

DATE: 7/29/60

FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (157-114)

SUBJECT: KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.,
Aka
RACIAL MATTERS

[redacted] advised SA [redacted] on 7/18/60, that at the Consolidation of Klans Meeting at Orlando, Fla., on 7/17/60, that the next consolidation meeting was scheduled to be held at Atlanta, Georgia, at the Henry Grady Hotel on Sunday, September 4, 1960, in conjunction with the National Memorial Klan Day to be held September 3, 1960, as a gathering, motorcade, cross burning and public speaking at Stone Mountain, Ga., at which they are striving to have 50,000 klansmen present.

He also advised that it was voted to name the consolidation group the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, that the Saturday before Labor Day each year would be National Memorial Klan Day, and that a klan paper would be printed for all klans.

At the Orlando Meeting it was voted that only the Grand Dragon of each Klan group and his two delegates could enter into the conclaves of the meeting which would have eliminated [redacted] from attendance, however, he was appointed acting outer guard for the meeting which permitted him to sit at the door and observe and hear everything which took place.

[redacted] advised that he has been assured by [redacted] that steps will be taken to insure that he has admittance to the Atlanta meeting either as a delegate or as one of the acting inner or outer guards.

Atlanta is requested to advise the Bureau and Charlotte whether or not it is desired that [redacted] be instructed to attend the consolidation meeting and National Klan Memorial Day on 9/3-4/60, to assist in affording coverage of these events. Also, whether additional informant coverage is desired from the Charlotte Division.

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The Bureau is requested to advise Charlotte in the event Atlanta desires same, whether or not it is approved that [] attend these events, and if so, whether or not special expenses not to exceed \$62 will be approved to cover his attendance.

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Report of:
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SA [REDACTED]

Office: ATLANTA

AUG 15 1960

Field Office File #: 157-60

Bureau File #:

Title: KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.

Character: RACIAL MATTERS

Synopsis:

Former members U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., Atlanta, Ga., obtained a charter in Fulton County, Ga., in the name of Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., in December, 1959. Efforts made by officials of numerous Klan organizations not including U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., to consolidate. [REDACTED] Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., attended meetings in Atlanta, Ga. and Chattanooga, Tenn., but later reportedly said that he had decided not to enter into a consolidation, and to build his own Klan organization without trying to take over any Klan group. Results of Klonvocation held by [REDACTED] at Riverdale, Ga. on 6/24/60, set forth. [REDACTED] reportedly has units at Riverdale, Mableton, and Gainesville, Ga. and presently organizing a unit at Rossville, Ga. Informant made available copies of The Kloran, and Constitution, and Laws of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc.

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DETAILS:

A. ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE AND
EVENTS LEADING UP TO OBTAINING
CHARTER

Confidential Informant ^{deceased} [redacted] advised on November 28, 1959, that [redacted] U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., stated on November 25, 1959, that he had received information that a [redacted] had obtained an application for a charter for a new Klan group from the office of the Secretary of State, Atlanta, Georgia. [redacted]

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised on November 25, 1959, that [redacted] stated that he had learned that [redacted] of the Jonesboro Unit of the U. S. Klans, was head of the group attempting to impeach [redacted] [redacted] stated further that [redacted] also an official of the Jonesboro Klavern was involved in the conspiracy, and had contacted [redacted] Georgia State [redacted] and [redacted] asked him if he would accept the position of [redacted] [redacted] refused. [redacted]

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[redacted] advised on November 30, 1959, that [redacted] [redacted] called a special meeting of Klan officials on November 28, 1959. According to [redacted] conducted the meeting, and in his opening remarks said "We have traitors which are trying to tear up the Klan from within". [redacted] said that [redacted] gave a lengthy talk on splinter groups attempting to cause disunity in the U. S. Klans, and finally [redacted] asked [redacted] his reasons for obtaining an application for a new Klan group. [redacted] replied that he

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thought two groups could fight for the same thing without being enemies. [] added, however, that he thought the matter had gone as far as it was going, according to []

[] gained the impression that a petition for a charter had not been filed up to this time. [] explained to [] that to file for a charter for a new group would be against the Constitution of the U. S. Klans, and would mean that he was failing to keep his oath to uphold the U. S. Klans. [] stated that [] said he had the Klan at heart, and "was not mad with anyone", and offered to resign from the U. S. Klans. [] accepted [] resignation, and [] left the Klavern.

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[] stated also at the above meeting [] read an order of banishment for [] "The Suburban Sentinel", a weekly newspaper published in Decatur, Georgia, [] told the group that [] was banished forever from the U. S. Klans as he had become affiliated with [] and a Klan organization, which [] is trying to organize. [] also stated that [] could be reinstated only through the Imperial Office.

[] advised on December 3, 1959, that at a Klan meeting held by the Union City, Georgia Unit, U. S. Klans, on December 1, 1959, there was heated discussion concerning the resignation of [] [] stated that several Klansmen resigned from the U. S. Klans at this meeting, including []

[] December 5, 1959, that at a Klan meeting held in Atlanta on December 3, 1959, [] told the group he was quitting the U. S. Klans as [] was not protecting its membership, and had done nothing to refute allegations made against him. [] referred to the following article, which appeared in the December 3, 1959, edition of "The Suburban Sentinel" described above:

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"IMPOSTER KLAN OPERATING IN
GEORGIA ONE MAN KLAN HEADED
BY EDWARDS

"The U. S. Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Georgia, headed by one E. L. EDWARDS is no more the KKK than a high school dance,

"Upon investigation it has been learned that E. L. EDWARDS is sole owner of the organization, and it has been alleged that in order to keep from being placed on the Subversive list that he has turned over the names and addresses of every member to the Attorney General of the United States. If this alleged information is a fact, it ties in with the recent expose of EDWARDS by the Georgia Tribune.

"We have heard the remark many times that the U. S. Knights of the Ku Klux Klan was no more than impersonators of the original KKK. It has been alleged and proven that EDWARDS has no plans to help prevent the race mixing of the schools and it was a well known fact that the original KKK had a definite plan to prevent any Klansmen's child from ever going to a mixed school.

"The Georgia Tribune of October 29, 1959 said he had turned over a photostatic copy of the members applications to the Atomic Energy plant in Knoxville, Tenn., and that men were about to lose their jobs because of it.

"We do know one thing-- the organization has not paid this newspaper and some other newspapers for advertising.

"It seems a shame that the American people have been misled by this man into believing that he had the original KKK when he does not approach it in any form.

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"The original KKK had definite programs, and knew what they were doing, and usually completed any program that they had.

"The original K.K.K. stood prepared to set up private schools anytime they were needed.

"A suit by ELDON L. EDWARDS ^{deceased} vs. Association of South Carolina Klans, which was tried before Judge C . C. WYCHE at Spartanburg, S. C., May 26, 1959:

"Validity of EDWARDS claim of copyright denied by order No. C. A. 6562 said order holding among other things that he acted as a mere copyist and therefore was not an author. That the mere aggregating of old material does not amount to ordinary skill sufficient to authorize a copyright.

"In plain English, EDWARDS does not have a copyrighted KLORAN, as what he actually had tried to do was to change the original KLORAN around. Using a small amount of the original with his own ideas. This places present members of the U. S. knights of the KKKK as actually not being members of the KKK, as he has never established Knighthood in the order and his men could not qualify for Knighthood as they have not been members of the KKK. Therefore his organization is an imposter organization, without knowledge of Klan Kraft."

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[] at the meeting on December 3, 1959, stated if the above story were not true, [] should have prevented it from being published. According to [] the following Klansmen walked out of this meeting:

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All of the above men turned in their Klan card, according to [redacted] stated that [redacted] stayed through the meeting, but threw his card on the desk and walked out at the close of the meeting [redacted]

[redacted] stated that [redacted] said he had to reprimand [redacted] for holding unauthorized Klan notorcadés, and shooting firearms on the public highways. [redacted] said [redacted] had worked hard to build several Klaverns, and now apparently wanted to take them over. According to [redacted] stated before he left that [redacted] had worked hard to build up the Jonesboro Unit, was very sincere in his work, and had increased the membership to about two hundred and fifty.

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[redacted] advised on December 16, 1959, that [redacted] stated on December 15, 1959, that he was entering a suit against [redacted] According to [redacted] said he realized he would receive no financial gains from these suits as the defendants had no money, but said it would do a lot of good.

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"The Atlanta Journal", a daily newspaper published in Atlanta, Georgia, carried the following article in its edition of December 9, 1959:

"KLAN BICKERING LEADS TO NEW GROUP HERE

"Bickering within the ranks and leadership of Georgia's heretofore dominant Ku Klux Klan has brought about a split in the organization, it was reported Wednesday.

"The formal breakup was heralded by the chartering of a new Klan group in Fulton County called the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc.

deceased "The splinter organization resulted from an internal squabble in the U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., the group headed by ELDON EDWARDS of Atlanta, informed sources said.

"The EDWARDS organization has not been the only Klan in Georgia, but it has had more members than any other KKK group. EDWARDS in 1957 claimed a membership of 50,000 in Georgia and other states where his group had affiliates. In 1958, the Anti-Defamation League estimated the total at 12,000 to 15,000.

"In MACON, the Georgia grand dragon of the EDWARDS Klan termed the newly chartered group insignificant and said it 'should soon fall by the wayside.'

"~~LEE~~ DAVISON, the dragon, said 'our organization does not go along with organizations of this sort'.

"With the school situation as it is in Atlanta, this type of organization might prove detrimental to the general Ku Klux Klan program,' DAVISON said.

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"Informed sources said that individual Klansmen and some units of the EDWARDS Klan have been peeling off and going to other KKK organizations.

"Some have joined the Christian Knights of the KKK, a Columbus-headquartered group, and some have gone over to the Associated Klans, a Montgomery, Ala. outfit, it was reported.

"Financial matters were said to be among the subjects causing discord in the U. S. Klans.

"EDWARDS could not be reached for comment on the new organization.

"The Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., said in its charter it was to be a nonprofit, benevolent and charity group in which 'there shall be united only white race male persons of sound mind, good moral character. . . .'

"Listed as incorporators were R. L. BING, Sr., Stockbridge, H. J. JONES, W. B. PARR and J. T. CAMPBELL, all of Jonesboro. The charter was granted in Fulton Superior Court by Judge VIRLYN B. MOORE."

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[redacted] have advised in the past that [redacted] "The Suburban Sentinel", during a great part of 1959 was a member of and a booster of the U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc.

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[] advised on September 22, 1959, that at a Klan meeting held in Douglasville, Georgia, on September 19, 1959, it was announced that [] had agreed to share with the Klan a portion of subscription fees obtained by Klansmen from the sale of subscriptions to "The Suburban Sentinel".

[] advised on September 24, 1959, that [] had announced that he used a code system of placing three stars at the head of news items when he felt that a particular news item was of interest to the Klan, and should be read by all Klanspeople. Further, that many paid advertisements in "The Suburban Sentinel" by Klanspeople carried the initials T.W.A.K., meaning Trade With a Klansman, or A.K.I.A., meaning A Klansman I Am. However, [] have advised that during the latter part of 1959, [] became dissatisfied with [] and banished him from the U. S. Klans.

[] advised on December 26, 1959, that on the evening of December 24, 1959, [] advised that he was head of a new group which had just been chartered under the name of Knights of the Ku Klux Klans, Inc. According to [] said he was making an effort to obtain ritualistic material from former Klan groups to be used in connection with his preparation of ritual books for his new Klan group.

[] advised on December 31, 1959, that he was told by [] on the night of December 28, 1959, that they had obtained some of the forms formerly used by the now defunct Association of Georgia Klans.

[] advised on January 2, 1960, that on the night of December 30, 1959, [] made

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inquiries concerning a source of Klan robes, and, according to [] he was told that suitable robes could be purchased from the Floding Company of Atlanta.

[] [] advised on January 11, 1960, that [] [] stated he intended to use all four Klan degrees in connection with his organization, but was hampered due to the fact that he did not have the secret instructions for the last three degrees.

On March 16, 1960, [] made available a fifty-five page "White Book", "Kloran Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc.".

On April 28, 1960, [] made available a copy of the "Constitution and Laws of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. of Atlanta, Georgia".

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B. EFFORTS MADE TO CONSOLIDATE
VARIOUS KLAN GROUPS INTO ONE
NATIONAL ORGANIZATION

Meeting Henry Grady Hotel
Atlanta, Georgia
February 27 and 28, 1960

[redacted] advised on January 15, 1960, that [redacted]
[redacted] stated on January 14, 1960, he had received a
letter from [redacted] of Florida, asking for a
consolidation of [redacted] group with the Knights
of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc.

[redacted] advised on January 18, 1960, that [redacted]
[redacted] stated on January 15, 1960,
that they desired to obtain propaganda material of an
old Klan group to be reprinted and distributed by
their organization. [redacted]

[redacted] advised on February 12, 1960, that
Klansmen [redacted] from Atlanta, Georgia, and [redacted]
[redacted] from Jonesboro, Georgia, attended a
meeting of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan on
January 10, 1960, at the residence of [redacted]
[redacted] Pinellas County, Florida.
[redacted] said that these four men invited [redacted] and his
state officers to attend a meeting of Klansmen from
all over the South to be held in Atlanta, Georgia, at
4:00 p.m. on February 27, 1960. [redacted] said that the
purpose of the Atlanta meeting was to attempt to
unite all Klan groups and to [redacted]
of the U. S. Klans and those loyal to him. According
to [redacted] included in this meeting will be "the Knights
of the Ku Klux Klan", "Florida Klans", "Federated
Klans of Alabama", "Interstate Klans", and "Ten State
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[] said that the men from Georgia wanted [] to attend the meeting because they consider him to be the outstanding Klan authority in the United States, and they need his advice.

[] advised that [] indicated he will advise, and will welcome affiliation with any sincere Klan group, but will not join his men as part of any other Klan group. He said that any group wanting to join with his organization would first have to be investigated and approved.

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February 25, 1960

Date

[redacted]
[redacted] Henry Grady Hotel, Atlanta, Georgia,
advised that the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan,
[redacted] Post Office Box 596, Atlanta,
Georgia, Telephone GR 8-8134, had reserved meeting
rooms 300, 301, and 302, from 5:00 p.m. to
12:00 midnight on Saturday, February 27, 1960, and
from 8:00 a.m. to noon on Sunday, February 28, 1960,
and under the column headed "Number Expected", was
listed 25 for each room.

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[redacted] advised on March 1, 1960, that a meeting was held at the Henry Grady Hotel, Atlanta, for the purpose of uniting all Klan groups on February 27 and 28, 1960. [redacted] advised that among those present in Atlanta were [redacted] from Tallahassee; [redacted] from Belle Glade; [redacted]

[redacted] from Okeechobee; [redacted] New Smyrna Beach, [redacted] of the Florida Klans, which is affiliated with the original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan; [redacted] from Dallas, Texas; [redacted]

[redacted] of the Hendrix group in Jacksonville; [redacted] and about ten or twelve others were from Florida, who were not identified. There was no one from Miami.

According to [redacted] other states represented were:

[redacted] of from Columbia, South Carolina; [redacted] South Carolina Klan; [redacted] South Carolina Klan from Columbia; an old man named [redacted] (LNU) from Columbia, South Carolina; [redacted] of Atlanta, Georgia, a

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[redacted] Atlanta, [redacted] of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan in Atlanta; [redacted] Biloxi, Mississippi; [redacted] of the Mississippi Klan; [redacted] Atlanta, Georgia; [redacted]

[redacted] Dixie Klan, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Chattanooga, Tennessee; [redacted]

[redacted] Charlotte, North Carolina; [redacted] representing the North Carolina Klan on behalf of the [redacted] of North Carolina; [redacted] Greensboro, North Carolina; [redacted] from Dayton, Ohio, was representing the Christian Knights of the Ku Klux Klan on behalf of [redacted]

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[redacted] from Montgomery, Alabama, [redacted]
[redacted] of the Federation of Knights of the Ku
Klux Klan.

[redacted] to
Atlanta with three Florida Klansmen, and landed at the
old Naval Air Station, according to [redacted]

[redacted] said nothing of importance took place until 5 P.M.
on Saturday. The meeting was called to order at
5:10 P.M. in room 300 of the Henry Grady Hotel, with
[redacted] of Atlanta as [redacted] The meeting
was opened with the usual [redacted] The
Chairman explained that the purpose of the meeting was
to join together all of the Klans into the old Original
Simmons and Bedford Klan of 1916. The Chairman asked
for comment about joining together from those present
and requested them to identify themselves when they
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[redacted] spoke first, next [redacted] of South
Carolina, then [redacted] of Mississippi, [redacted]
[redacted] of Chattanooga, [redacted] of Florida, [redacted] of
Ohio, an unidentified one-eyed man from Alabama, who
spoke on behalf of the Citizens Council, and Ku Klux
Klan of Alabama under the direction of [redacted]
[redacted] from Alabama, and [redacted] of South Carolina.

[redacted] stated that,
generally speaking, all favored consolidation.
They bickered about minor details about leadership,
local administration and representation, etc. This
discussion went on until about 11:15 P.M., when the
meeting adjourned for one hour and at 12:15 A.M.,
Sunday, February 28, 1960, the Imperial Officers from
each state: Grand Dragons, Assistant Dragons,
Secretary-Treasurers and all Imperial Wizards, were
to reassemble in Room 1103, the hotel room of
[redacted] for the purpose of setting up a national
organization structure, decide program and strategy.
All others were instructed to reassemble at 9:00 A.M.
on February 28, 1960, in Room 300, at which time the
leaders would report on progress made toward affiliation
and organization of one National Council of Klans.

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[] said [] stated that in the closed meeting held from 12:15 to 3:30 A.M., attended by state officers of the various Klans, it was decided that wherever a Negro problem developed or existed, the newly-formed National Council would give the local police officials two days to straighten the Negroes out, or the Klan would move in in force to maintain segregation. If necessary, they would bring Klan members from other states to assist. [] said the leaders could not get together on how to set up the administration of the newly-formed National Council.

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About 9:30 A.M., Sunday, February 28, 1960, the entire group reassembled in Room 300.

[] He announced the state leaders had agreed on strategy, but could not agree on how to set up the administration of the new Grand Council. He asked for those present to present their ideas, according to []

[] stated someone from every group spoke and offered various ideas. The result of this discussion was that those present unanimously voted to report to their respective state groups; to arrange for delegates from each state group to be elected; to work out an agreement for affiliation with the new National Klan Council; send delegates to Chattanooga, Tennessee, on March 13-14, 1960, to meet at the Klavern meeting place, 2523 Glass Street, Chattanooga. The number of delegates was not limited. Affiliation, administration and strategy will be finally completed and formulated at this meeting so that the Klan will be able to present a united fighting front against the "Negro-Communist-Jew conspiracy". They will also form plans and set the date for a national convention of all Klans under the National Council to be held in Columbia, South Carolina, not later than three weeks after the Chattanooga meeting. At the national convention the national officers of the new Grand Council will be elected and the administrative set-up of the Council will be established and voted upon.

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Confidential Informant [redacted] advised on February 18, 1960, that [redacted] Jonesboro, Georgia, [redacted] of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. (KKKK, Inc.) Atlanta, Georgia, had sent out invitations to leaders of all Klan organizations throughout the South with the exception of U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. (USK, KKKK, Inc.), which is under the leadership of [redacted] Atlanta, Georgia, and leaders of the USK, KKKK, Inc., throughout the South, inviting them to a conference at the Henry Grady Hotel, Atlanta, Georgia, February 27-28, 1960, for the purpose of trying to organize one central Klan organization known as KKKK, Inc., thus improving strength of the Klan in that all is under one leadership with organized plans and purposes. This would eliminate all small Klans with different leaders and no central plan or purpose.

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[redacted] on March 2, 1960, advised this organizational meeting of all Klans with the exception of USK, KKKK, Inc., delegates, was held at the Henry Grady Hotel, Atlanta, Georgia, as planned, on February 27-28, 1960. Informant advised approximately 134 delegates were present representing the following Klans and states:

ALABAMA: FEDERATED KLANS OF ALABAMA, INC.

Individuals recognized by informant from Alabama were [redacted] Montgomery, Alabama, and [redacted] Alabama, (city unknown).

ARKANSAS: ARKANSAS KU KLUX KLAN which is connected with [redacted] KKK organization of Dallas, Texas. Two men from some unknown city in Arkansas, names of individuals unknown. Both described as white, males [redacted] years of age, 5'6", 150 pounds, slender build, fair complexion, one with black hair and one with dark brown hair.

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FLORIDA: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX
KLAN, INC. [REDACTED],
St. Petersburg, Florida, and [REDACTED]
Tallahassee, Florida.

ASSOCIATION OF FLORIDA KLANS, INC.,
[REDACTED] Tampa, Florida.

GEORGIA: KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.
(KKKK, INC.) [REDACTED] Jonesboro, Georgia, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Jonesboro, Georgia, (FNU [REDACTED])
believed to be from Jonesboro, Georgia, [REDACTED]
Stockbridge, Georgia, (FNU [REDACTED]), Jonesboro,
Georgia [REDACTED] Atlanta, Georgia, (FNU [REDACTED])
Atlanta, Georgia, (FNU [REDACTED] Decatur, Atlanta
Georgia.

DIXIE KLANS, KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX
KLAN, INC. (DK, KKKK, INC.), [REDACTED]
Exalted Cyclops, Rossville, Georgia, Klavern [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Rossville, Georgia, [REDACTED] E, Rossville,
Georgia, [REDACTED], DK, KKKK, Inc..
Dalton, Georgia, Klavern. [REDACTED]

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MISSISSIPPI: MISSISSIPPI KU KLUX KLAN.
[REDACTED] Biloxi, Mississippi,
Grand Dragon of Mississippi KKK.

NORTH CAROLINA: ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH CAROLINA
KU KLUX KLAN, INC. Informant advised during roll
call two or three individuals stood up from North
Carolina representing this organization, but they did
not make a speech, did not identify themselves, and he
could not furnish any description of these men or
give the name of the city in North Carolina they
represented.

OHIO: CHRISTIAN KNIGHTS OF KU KLUX KLAN,
INC. [REDACTED] Dayton, Ohio, represented this
organization.

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[REDACTED]
SOUTH CAROLINA: ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH CAROLINA
KU KLUX KLAN, INC. [REDACTED] Columbia, South Carolina,
[REDACTED] Swanse, South Carolina
and (FNU [REDACTED] city unknown, South Carolina.

TENNESSEE: DIXIE KLAN, KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX
KLAN, INC. [REDACTED]
Chattanooga, Tennessee, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Chattanooga, Tennessee.

U. S. KLAN. KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX
KLAN, INC. [REDACTED] Chattanooga, Tennessee.

[REDACTED] : advised that due to the extremely large group, noise by talking of the delegates during introductions, that some of the above names may not be complete or initials may be in error and the chartered name of the Klan organizations may differ from those listed above, but names listed above were those generally used during the conference. Informant pointed out that approximately 134 delegates were present; however, he was only able to obtain names of those listed above. He stated only those states listed above were represented even though [REDACTED] told the press that seventeen states were represented.

[REDACTED] advised that prior to the first large assembled meetings of delegates on February 27, 1960, that [REDACTED] held a small meeting in his room, beginning at 3:00 P.M., February 27, 1960. Those present at this meeting were [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The purpose of this meeting was to discuss certain of the Klan leaders who were invited to determine if they and their organizations would be acceptable in the KKKK, Inc. if organized consisting of all the small Klan groups.

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[] advised the meeting proceeded as follows:

The first discussion was concerning [] ASSOCIATION OF FLORIDA KLANS, INC. [] accused [] of reporting to outsiders, including the press, some incidents in the past concerning Klan activities and [] was very much opposed to [] being asked to join, and stated he had had great differences with [] in the past in relation to Klan activities in Florida. During this discussion, [] was questioned concerning some of his past activities and associates which were not approved by those present. He was questioned concerning his past reported efforts to take Negroes into his Klan organization. He explained this by stating he received some requests from individuals in Africa to join his Klan organization and sent some literature. He said he had never asked Negroes in the United States to join his Klan organization, and had instructed the individuals from Africa to use the literature he sent them as they desired.

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He was then questioned concerning his association in the past with [] [] He said he had been a Klan leader in Florida for many years, and usually men active in racial matters as [] contact Klan leaders, and under these circumstances he was contacted. He stated he did not agree with many of the things [] advocated. Informant advised at this point [] was dismissed so those remaining could discuss [] Tampa, Florida, representing Association of Florida Klans, Inc. Those present discussed [] and stated he was a loyal Klansman, opposed to violence, and night riding and due to some incidents, not named, [] has been forced to disband for the good of the Klan name and a lot of good Klansmen. No decision was made at this conference to accept or reject [] and his group.

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The next discussion was concerning the differences between the USK, KKKK, Inc., and DK, KKKK, Inc., at Chattanooga, Tennessee,

[redacted] advised the current members of DK, KKKK, Inc., who were former members of the USK, KKKK, Inc., at Chattanooga, had disagreements with other members and tried to form a separate Klavern of the USK, KKKK, Inc., in Chattanooga, but [redacted] [redacted] USK, KKKK, Inc., had refused so they formed a new Klan organization. [redacted] stated he had no ill feelings toward the bulk of the members of the USK, KKKK, Inc., at Chattanooga, and felt they could once again get together in a new Klan organization. He pointed out there were large numbers of good Klansmen in Chattanooga, Tennessee, and Rossville, Georgia, vicinity, and all should be in one strong organization.

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Informant advised this meeting ended just before the large assembly of all delegates at 5:00 P.M., February 27, 1960, at the Henry Grady Hotel, Atlanta, Georgia. [redacted] reported that approximately 134 delegates had been invited from seventeen states representing all Klan groups except the USK, KKKK, Inc. The meeting was opened by a [redacted] DK, KKKK, Inc., Dalton, Georgia. Then [redacted] advised the delegates the purpose of this meeting was to form one large Klan organization throughout the nation under a central leadership, with organized plans and purpose, to promote the true meaning of Klansmanship as the by-laws and ritual were originally written by Col. W. J. SIMMONS in 1916.

[redacted] congratulated those present, especially [redacted] for making this meeting possible, and pointed out the Klansmen should band together to fight liberalism, Negroism, NAACPism, and Communism. He offered a resolution that all those present adopt the W. J. SIMMONS Ritual and Bylaws of 1916. This resolution was passed.

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The next speaker was [redacted] Federated Klans of Alabama, who stated he had been a Klansman since 1924, leader of Federated Klans of Alabama since 1949, and had always advocated unity. He also advised those present he had tried repeatedly to unite with the USK, KKKK, Inc., [redacted], but had not received any encouragement from [redacted]. He said there were many good Klansmen in the USK, KKKK, Inc., and hoped that all present together with these good Klansmen from the USK, KKKK, Inc., could unite in the near future to form a great organization.

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Next speaker was (FNU) [redacted] KKKK, Inc., Atlanta, Georgia, who said he hoped all Klans could unite as they were in the 1920's.

[redacted] DK, KKKK, Inc., Chattanooga, Tennessee, was introduced who in turn introduced [redacted] one of the main leaders and planners of the DK, KKKK, Inc., although he does not hold any official office in this organization. [redacted] stated all Klansmen need to preach and practice Klankraft, and DK, KKKK, Inc., favor unity so all can work together in harmony toward same goal.

[redacted] then introduced [redacted] of the Rossville, Georgia, Klavern of the DK, KKKK, Inc., former Exalted Cyclops of Rossville, Georgia, Klavern of the USK, KKKK, Inc., and former Imperial Officer of the USK, KKKK, Inc., for the year 1957 until banned from this organization in October 1957. [redacted] stated he favored unity of Klansmen and criticized [redacted] for his dictatorship in the USK, KKKK, Inc.

[redacted] then introduced [redacted] Rossville, Georgia, who

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represents the DK, KKKK, Inc., in a civil suit in U. S. District Court, Chattanooga, Tennessee against USK, KKKK, Inc., in a copyright matter. [redacted] criticized [redacted] and stated [redacted] was very contrary and refused to cooperate with other Klansmen.

Next speaker was [redacted] Columbia, South Carolina, representing Association of South Carolina Ku Klux Klan, Inc. He stated he was in favor of unity of Klansmen and also criticized [redacted] USK, KKKK, Inc., and pointed out his organization had won a civil suit against [redacted] and the USK, KKKK, Inc. He reportedly gave [redacted] for the DK, KKKK, Inc., a copy of the U. S. District Court order in the civil suit between USK, KKKK, Inc., and Association of South Carolina Ku Klux Klan.

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[redacted]
National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., St. Petersburg, Florida, was the next speaker. He stated he favored unity and was glad to be present. He stated he had been accused of many things such as advocating accepting Negroes into his Klan organization, association with [redacted] and many other things he did not mention. He again explained these items as he did in the closed session set forth above. He concluded the only salvation was to unite the Klan forces to fight together with central planning and leadership and through this method they could build the greatest organization in the world.

[redacted] Dayton, Ohio, representing CHRISTIAN KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, of which, according to some of those present, [redacted] is reported to be the leader, was introduced. He immediately defended [redacted] stating he had worked

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with him for years and [] had done more to expose people in high places than any other person. He pointed out [] has exposed [] who infiltrated the Association of Georgia Klans, Inc., he had picketed the White House in Washington, D. C., and had attended meeting of Congressman JOHN WOOD in Chicago, Illinois. He said [] had made some mistakes, but he must defend [] and his actions.

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[] stated [], ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH CAROLINA KU KLUX KLAN, INC., objected to XAVIER and CHRISTIAN KNIGHTS KU KLUX KLAN and []. After the objection by [] many other delegates also objected, and at this point [] KKKK, INC., Chairman of this meeting, interceded, stating that [] and CHRISTIAN KNIGHTS KU KLUX KLAN have been known for a long time, and would not be recognized as an individual and organization. He said [] and the organization have advocated many things contrary to the teaching of the original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan and for that reason would not be accepted into the new KKKK, Inc. being formed. Informant stated he understood that many inquiries were made among the delegates to determine who invited [] or any representative of the CHRISTIAN KNIGHTS KU KLUX KLAN, and all met with negative results. He stated [] said later he believed [] came uninvited.

[] Biloxi, Mississippi, representing MISSISSIPPI KU KLUX KLAN, was the next speaker. He favored unity of all Klan groups and encouraged the organization of all Klans. He said he had adopted Mississippi, and hoped to build a strong Klan in Mississippi, and work with the Citizens Councils of that state.

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At this point, informant advised the meeting was interrupted by a television team invited by [redacted]. All those present who wanted to be in the program, who had robes, were invited to stay and the others asked to move to the next room reserved by [redacted] for this meeting. Photographs and film were taken of those who remained, and [redacted] acted as speaker for those present. After this intermission, the meeting was continued. Informant advised [redacted] left at intermission, and did not return, stating he could not go along with [redacted] group.

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(FNU) [redacted] Decatur, Georgia, was the next speaker, and spoke on Klankraft and concluded by urging those present to unite in one organization.

[redacted], Tallahassee, Florida, was the next speaker, also representing National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. [redacted] urged those present to work, organize one organization, and build it into a very strong group. The meeting was then recessed at 11:45 P.M. until the next morning, February 28, 1960.

A meeting of a select group of leaders was then held in Room 1101, Henry Grady Hotel, from 12:00 midnight until 2:00 A.M. Those present were [redacted].

[redacted] The purpose of this private meeting was to determine if these individuals and the organizations they represented could agree on action already taken or suggested, could work together, and if they were in favor of one great Klan organization with one leadership, and combined plan and objective, eliminating the many small Klan organizations. All those present agreed they could, and wanted such an organization.

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[] advised the meeting of all delegates was called to order by [] at the Henry Grady Hotel, Atlanta, Georgia, at 9:10 A.M., February 28, 1960. He complimented those present on the progress that had been made, and pointed out there were many who had not been called upon to express their views, but it would be impossible to call on everyone; however, he wanted to call on a few additional delegates. At this point, he called upon (FNU) [] South Carolina, who said they all should work together, form one organization, and stated the South Carolina Klansmen were in favor of unity into one such organization.

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The next speaker, name unknown, reportedly was from Miami, Florida. He advised he had been a Klansman and member of the CIO, but found he could not serve both organizations, and did not believe that [] could either. He said he had turned in his CIO membership card, and wanted to know why [] had not done so also.

He said he favored uniting the various Klans into one Klan organization, and seconded the suggestion they plan another organizational meeting for the leaders to work out the details of such a merger. He stated they could work out these problems as much as possible between now and the next scheduled meeting. The informant was unable to furnish any additional information or description of this individual.

The informant reported at this point that [] took charge of the meeting. It was voted on and decided that the leaders of the various Klan organizations meet for further planning on consolidation of the Klan organizations into one

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group known as the KKKK, Inc., at Columbia, South Carolina, sometime in May, 1960, exact date to be set at a later time. It was suggested all leaders try to work out any problems that might arise both locally and as a whole between now and the scheduled meeting at Columbia. All those present agreed.

[redacted] DK, KKKK, Inc., Rossville, Georgia, suggested that a local meeting of the Klansmen in North Georgia, North Alabama, and Tennessee, meet at the DK, KKKK, Inc., hall, 2523 Glass Street, Chattanooga, Tennessee, to work out any local problems sometime in March, 1960. This was agreed and the informant reported a tentative date of March 12-13, 1960, was set. He also said that many of the leaders present from other areas than the local area mentioned said they would attend this meeting to assist in the progress and get pointers for settlement of their own local problems.

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[redacted] suggested that they discuss the recent wave of Negro sit-down strikes at white lunch counters across the country. He said the Negroes, NAACP and Communists thrive on violence in promoting their organizations and collection of funds. He pointed out the situation in the nation's capital, Washington, D. C., is far worse racewise than any other city in the United States. He pointed out the best solution for Klansmen was to organize, get their own people registered to vote, and to elect officials who give the Klansmen a fair deal. In this connection, the informant stated that [redacted] DK, KKKK, Inc., Chattanooga, stated that Chattanooga had recently had racial trouble in that city resulting from the Negroes conducting a sit-down strike at white lunch counters in downtown stores in Chattanooga, and the Chattanooga Police Department had brought the situation under control.

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In this connection, the informant stated that JACK [REDACTED] DK, KKKK, Inc., Chattanooga, stated that Chattanooga had recently had racial trouble in that city resulting from the Negroes conducting a sit-down strike at white lunch counters in downtown stores in Chattanooga, and the Chattanooga Police Department had brought the situation under control.

[REDACTED] Swansea, South Carolina, urged those present to unite and expressed confidence that the various Klans could unify into a strong organization.

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[REDACTED] Montgomery, Alabama, representing the Federated Klans of Alabama, Inc., urged all those present to be present at the meeting at Chattanooga, and in the meantime they should study the works of Colonel W. J. SIMMONS. He stated he favored unity of all Klans, and planned to be present at Chattanooga.

[REDACTED] KKKK, INC., told those present he had secured a charter through the Superior Court of Fulton County, Georgia, to operate a Klan organization known as the KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC. He sponsored a resolution which was accepted by those present that no release would be given to the press without some agreement of the leaders, and being authorized to make such a release by the leaders. He also suggested that members present refrain from knocking other Klans that may not be represented, that included [REDACTED] USK, KKKK, Inc., since these organizations contain some good Klansmen which may later be interested in joining with this new movement. This was also passed as a resolution. The meeting was then adjourned at 12:20 P.M., February 28, 1960.

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"The Atlanta Journal and the Atlanta Constitution", a daily newspaper published in Atlanta, Georgia, in their combined edition of February 28, 1960, carried the following article:

"KLAN SPLINTER GROUPS
HOLD MEETING HERE

"Representatives of Ku Klux Klan splinter groups in 10 Southern and three northern states met in Atlanta Saturday to consolidate their forces.

"Sessions were to continue through Sunday at the Henry Grady Hotel, where reservations for some 75 Klan representatives were made in the name of Imperial Wizard H. J. JONES of Jonesboro.

"The press was barred from the Saturday night session. Klansmen from Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, Arkansas, Mississippi, Louisiana, Ohio, Michigan, and New York were expected.

"Conspicuously missing from the list of groups invited to attend was the U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, headed by E. L. EDWARDS of Atlanta, an employee of an automobile assembly plant here.

"EDWARDS said the groups meeting here had been booted out of his organization for various reasons.

"Klansmen said the main purpose of the Atlanta meeting is to establish a working arrangement among the various Klan groups that will lead to a more compact organization."

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"The Atlanta Journal" in its edition of March 2, 1960, carried the following article:

"RIVAL KLANS IN GEORGIA HURL
CHARGES OF 'FAKE'

"A wide-open fight appears to have developed between two rival Ku Klux Klan groups in Georgia.

"The Imperial Wizard of 'The Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. -- a new group organized in Atlanta this past weekend-- said Tuesday that the U. S. Klan, headed by E. L. EDWARDS of Atlanta, 'is a fake klan', with 'a fake klan leader'.

"Mr. EDWARDS said Monday that the new group is 'composed of outlaw splinter groups who have been kicked out by us for treason and what have you'.

"His charges were answered by H. J. JONES of Jonesboro, leader of the new group.

'Any true Klansman . . . recognizes the EDWARDS outfit as a fake,' Mr. JONES said Tuesday.

"'If he is looking for a fight, we will give him what he is looking for', he said.

"'Our constitution states that only white, male gentiles of good moral character will be accepted for membership, where EDWARDS' charter does not specify as to the type of person that can be accepted in the U. S. Klan,' Mr. JONES said.

"He added: 'Therefore, Negroes and others are eligible for membership in the U. S. Klan.'

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"We feel the public is entitled to the true facts and not a one-sided statement made by some greedy splinter group leader," he said."

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[] advised on February 29, 1960, that there was a special meeting of the leaders of several Klan groups from different states held at the Henry Grady Hotel, Atlanta, Georgia, on February 27 and 28, 1960.

[] described the meeting as follows:

OFFICERS PRESENT AND RECOGNIZED

[] of Ku Klux Klan, Inc., Atlanta, Georgia.

[] of Mississippi, Biloxi, Mississippi, []

[] of Dixie Klan, Inc., Chattanooga, Tennessee).

[] of Dixie Klan, Inc. (North Georgia and Tennessee).

[] of Federation of Klans, Montgomery, Alabama.

[] of Association of South Carolina Klans, (Swansea, South Carolina).

[] of Florida Ku Klux Klan (Samsula, Florida).

[] of Southern Knights Klan (Oldsmar, Florida).

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[redacted] Dayton, Ohio (A radical, carries card of HENDRICKS Klan).

[redacted] (Charlotte, North Carolina).

[redacted] of West Columbia, South Carolina, Association of South Carolina Klans.

[redacted] Columbia, South Carolina.

[redacted] Kludd or #897, Fountain Inn, South Carolina, Association of South Carolina Klans.

[redacted] of Columbia, South Carolina Association of South Carolina Klans.

[redacted] for United Southern Employees Association, Inc. Has South Carolina Klan card, but is presently located in Miami, Florida).

[redacted] of the Suburban Sentinel, Atlanta, Georgia.)

[redacted] of Florida Ku Klux Klan (Tallahassee, Florida).

ESTIMATED MEMBERS PRESENT

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DISCUSSION AT MEETING

Meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m., February 27, 1960, in Room 300, of the Henry Grady Hotel, Atlanta, Georgia, by [redacted]

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Most of the meeting was taken up with the introduction of the various Grand Dragons and other members from their respective states and Klans. There was a recess at 7:30 to allow any member present to leave who did not want their pictures taken by news and T. V. cameramen. The meeting was resumed at 9:00 p.m., and [redacted] called upon various Grand Dragons for speeches. [redacted] of Montgomery, Alabama, Federation of Klans, spoke encouraging cooperation between all the Klans, regardless of who they were started by. [redacted] of the Dixie Klans, spoke of being against the Georgia Klan [redacted] but the Dixie Klan was ready and willing to cooperate with any and all Klans represented. Speeches were continued until approximately 12:00 a.m., at which time [redacted] asked that each group give considerable thought to the possible unity under one head as a National Klan, and to give any suggestions at the 9:00 a.m. meeting to be held February 28, 1960, in the same room.

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"The Atlanta Journal" in its edition of February 29, 1960, carried the following article:

"KLAN GROUPS MERGE TO GAIN MEMBERS

"By DOUGLAS KIKER

"Independent Ku Klux Klan groups from a disputed number of Southeastern and Southwestern states have consolidated as 'The Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc.' as a result of a weekend meeting held in Atlanta.

"The new organization will have a membership of 'at least 42,000', in 17 states, according to H. J. JONES of Jonesboro, the Imperial Wizard.

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"'This is a new order composed of groups which have been operating independently for some time,' Mr. JONES announced.

"He said the consolidation does not include either the U. S. Klan-- headed by another Atlantian, E. L. EDWARDS-- or the Christian Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, a Columbus outfit.

"Mr. EDWARDS said Monday that his U. S. Klans would not recognize the new group.

"'It's an assumed name they picked up after being thrown out of our organization,' he said.

"He said the JONES organization was composed of 'outlaw splinter groups who have been kicked out by us for treason, or what have you,' and said that the meeting was attended by representatives from only five states, and not the 17 claimed by Mr. JONES.

"'All combined their membership wouldn't total 300', he said. As to the figure of 42,000 claimed by Mr. JONES, Mr. EDWARDS said, 'It would fool me if they had over 45.'

"He said that according to his information splinter group representatives from Georgia, Florida, South Carolina, Alabama and Tennessee attended the weekend meeting here, 'plus a man who lives part of the time in Mississippi and part of the time in New York who claimed to represent both states.'

"The new group will abide by the original

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1916 constitution and rituals as written by Col. W. J. SIMMONS, KKK founder, Mr. JONES said.

"The consolidation is apparently intended as a frontline challenge to the national U. S. Klan, headed by Mr. EDWARDS. Mr. JONES' klan was chartered in Fulton County on Dec. 7, 1959 after he split with EDWARDS, reportedly over financial matters.

"Mr. JONES said his organization will seek only high-type members. 'We don't intend to go out here and take the bums off the street,' he said.

"He said that within the next two weeks Kleagles-- Klan organizers-- will go into 30 additional states in a drive aimed at enlisting 10 million additional members within the next 18 months.

"He said New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Delaware are among the states to be visited by Kleagles.

"The new group is holding a second meeting shortly, he said. He declined to identify the location of the meeting, but said that it was 'within 125 miles of Atlanta.'"

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"The Atlanta Constitution" in its edition of March 1, 1960, carried the following article:

"NEW KLAN SEEKS 10 MILLION

"A new Ku Klux Klan group Monday announced plans to combine independent Klansmen in 17 states and seek 10 million more members in 30 states.

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"The infant organization promptly was termed a splinter group by another klan outfit's leader, who discounted membership claims of the new group.

"H. J. JONES of Jonesboro, said plans for a group known as the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., were formed at a weekend meeting. He said the new group combines 42,000 Klansmen from 17 Southeastern and Southwestern states.

"JONES said the organization will seek 10 million members, adding 'We don't intend to go out and take bums off the street.' He said the states to be visited by Klan recruiters include New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Delaware.

"Two other white supremacy groups operating in the South-- the U. S. Klan and the Christian Knights of the Ku Klux Klan --were not included in the merger.

"E. L. EDWARDS of Atlanta, who heads the U. S. Klan, said his organization would not recognize the new group. He said it is composed of 'outlaw splinter groups that have been kicked out by us for treason, or what have you.'

"EDWARDS said the weekend meeting was attended by representatives from only five states, not the 17 claimed by JONES, and declared the new group's membership wouldn't total 300. EDWARDS said he understood representatives from Georgia, Florida, South Carolina, Alabama, and Tennessee attended the meeting."

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Meeting Chattanooga, Tennessee
March 12 and 13, 1960

[] advised on March 16, 1960, as follows:

A meeting of Klan leaders from the Southeastern United States was held at the Imperial Headquarters of the Dixie Knights of the Ku Klux Klan at 2523 Glass Street, Chattanooga, Tennessee, on March 12 and 13, 1960. The meeting was scheduled to start at 5:00 p.m., but was delayed to 6:00 p.m. because some persons were delayed in travel by the bad weather.

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The first formal meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m., March 12, 1960, by [] of the Dixie Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. About one hundred men were present from Arkansas, Florida, Tennessee, Georgia, Alabama, South Carolina, and Texas. [] of North Carolina, wired that he would be unable to attend because of snow.

Among leaders identified from each state were the following:

Tennessee []

Florida []

South Carolina []

[] and several unidentified persons from Newberry, South Carolina

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others not identified.

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[redacted]

for the Association of Arkansas
Klans), [redacted] (from Pine
Bluff), and several others not
identified.

Georgia

[redacted]

[redacted]

(from Dalton,

Georgia)

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[redacted]

from Dallas

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The first order of business was a debate on the administration of the new consolidated Klans by a National Grand Council. They could not agree on whether the National Grand Council could issue orders to each individual Klan. It was agreed that the Council, to consist of three men and the Grand Dragon of each Klan, and one alternate delegate from each Klan, would establish policy, remove undesirable council members, and channel information of interest to all Klans for dissemination to all Klaverns.

Local Klans could still exercise their own initiative on action to be taken on local problems and could take prompt action without having to first clear it through the Grand Council; each Klan would furnish funds to the Grand Council for use in employing attorneys to defend Klan members and employ lobbyists to further Klan interests in various state legislatures. The amount to be assessed on each Klan would be decided at the Convention in Columbia, South Carolina, on April 9, 1960. The

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Grand Council will take the initiative in establishing National policy and securing national publicity and issuing Klan publications in furtherance of the Klan program.

The Grand Council will be known as the National Grand Council of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, and all Klans will be affiliated with the Council, but will still maintain their separate individual identities and names in the states in which they now operate.

The delegates to the Grand Council will be selected by the Grand Dragon of each individual Klan. The Grand Dragons are supposed to attend all Grand Council meetings. At the Columbia convention, they will decide on where these meetings will be held and how often the Council will meet. There will be no permanent chairman. The chairmanship will rotate in order among the Grand Dragons with a different one serving at each meeting.

The paper work, correspondence and general administration will be handled by one full-time permanent secretary, to be selected by the Grand Council at Columbia, South Carolina. He will receive a salary from the funds received from the various Klans. His headquarters will also be decided at the Columbia convention.

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During the meeting [redacted] from Texas made a speech against the activity of the Arkansas Klan because they had not cooperated in organizing the Klans in Arkansas and Texas. He also accused the Grand Dragon of Arkansas of defending a Negro in a civil suit against a white man.

Arkansas retaliated by accusing [redacted] of embezzling \$1500.00 collected for Klan robes, and also having taught in the past in an integrated school on the Mexican border.

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This argument resulted in [] having a heart attack; he was carried out to the hospital. Some of the persons present donated funds for [] hospital bill. [] was residing at []. Arkansas made a good case against [] and he will probably be eliminated from the Klan in the near future. His heart attack stopped any final action on this matter.

All present were instructed that upon return to their home Klaverns they should work with the police and take any action necessary to break up the current Negro lunch counter demonstrations. Also, they were to burn as many crosses as possible on the last Saturday of March at 9:00 p.m.

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The Columbia convention on April 9, 1960, will be open to all Klansmen from the Klans represented at this Chattanooga meeting. At this convention, the Grand Council members who have been selected by the Grand Dragons to sit with the Grand Dragons on the Council will be installed for one year and the Council will announce the permanent secretary's identity.

[] from Columbia is being considered for the [] position. The Grand Dragons, prior to the convention, will draw up for presentation and voting the policies, authority, financial assessment, and selection of delegates for the Council. All authorized Klan members allowed to attend the Columbia convention will then vote upon the matters presented to them by the Grand Dragons.

Arrangements for the Columbia convention April 9, 1960, at 10:00 a.m. are being handled by [] of Columbia, Assistant Dragon for Columbia.

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This meeting broke up about 2:30 A.M., March 13, 1960, and all present returned to their homes, to reassemble at Columbia in April.

[redacted] furnished the following information on March 13, and 16, 1960:

A closed meeting was held in the regular Klan Hall of the Dixie Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., Klavern No. 1, 2523 Glass Street, East Chattanooga, Tennessee, beginning at 5:00 P.M. on March 12, 1960. He stated this meeting was for delegates from other Klan organizations in southern states and delegates from other Klaverns of the Dixie Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., from Alabama and Georgia. He stated this meeting was under the leadership of [redacted] [redacted] Dixie Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. [redacted] advised that approximately [redacted] delegates were present at this meeting, including about twenty members from Klaverns of the Dixie Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., located at Hixson, Tennessee, Klavern #115, and Chattanooga, Tennessee, Klavern #1, Hamilton County, Tennessee.

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[redacted] called upon the leaders of the various Klans represented to express their views regarding consolidation of all the various Klans in one Klan organization to be known as the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. with headquarters located at Atlanta, Georgia. Informant stated [redacted] called upon the various Klan leaders to express their views without naming the leaders and often not naming the Klan organization, but merely asking for the leader of the Klan group from a certain city to express his views. He advised that because of the above the exact names of the leaders and of the Klan groups they represented was not obtained.

He advised that the states represented were:

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Alabama, unknown leader from a Klavern of the Dixie Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., Anniston, Alabama. Five representatives were present from this Klavern, none of their names known.

Unknown leader from a Klan, name of the Klan not known, from Montgomery, Alabama. Four representatives with this individual, none of their names known.

ARKANSAS, Arkansas Ku Klux Klan. Informant advised there were four representatives of this organization from Little Rock and four from Pine Bluff, Arkansas. A leader from each of these cities expressed his views on consolidation.

FLORIDA, Associated Klans of Florida. Informant advised there were three representatives of this organization, however, the city they represented and their names were unknown. He advised that one of these individuals spoke.

GEORGIA, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. Informant advised there were four representatives of this group from Atlanta, Georgia, first name unknown, last name JONES spoke as the leader of this group.

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Dixie Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. Informant advised undetermined number of representatives from Klaverns of this organization were present from Dalton, Rossville, and LaFayette, Georgia. Only [redacted] Rossville, Georgia, the Grand Dragon for the State of Georgia, of this group made a speech.

LOUISIANA, name of the Klan organization unknown. Informant advised there were three representatives present, names not known and only one made a speech.

MISSISSIPPI, name of the Klan organization unknown, but it was believed to be the Mississippi Ku Klux Klan.

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Three representatives present, names not known, and cities which they represented unknown. Only one leader of this group spoke.

SOUTH CAROLINA, Association of South Carolina Ku Klux Klan, Inc. Informant advised that four or five representatives of this organization, names not known or cities which they represented not known, were present. Only one individual from South Carolina spoke.

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TENNESSEE, Dixie Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. Spokesman for this group was the [redacted] Others present from Klavern #115, Hixson, Tennessee, Klavern #1, Chattanooga, Tennessee, were named by [redacted]

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NORTH CAROLINA. [redacted] advised it was announced by [redacted] that he had received a wire from representative of Klans in North Carolina that due to inclement weather they would not be able to attend this meeting.

[redacted] advised that the leader from the South Carolina Klan group stated that all Klans could not work under the same leader or rules as all states had different laws governing various organizations, and that if they consolidated into one Klan group, they would end up with a dictator type organization. He stated the South Carolina Klan groups were not in favor of combining into one Klan organization, but wanted to remain as separate Klan groups and work together with other Klan organizations in southern states toward the same aims and purposes.

[redacted] advised that (first name unknown) [redacted] of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., Atlanta, Georgia, wanted all of the Klan organizations to give up their individual Klan names, form one large Klan organization, and have one Klan leader located at Atlanta, Georgia. He reported they had a man in Atlanta, Georgia, whom he did not name, who had all of the old Klan records which was the only true Klan organization. He urged all to vote to consolidate into one Klan group with headquarters at Atlanta, Georgia, known as the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc.

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[] advised that representatives from all of the other Klan organizations mentioned above spoke and only [] of Atlanta, Georgia, wanted to form one Klan organization, and give up the individual Klan groups. He advised that all other Klan groups voted not to consolidate into one Klan organization, but to remain under separate Klan leadership with their own individual Klan names. He stated delegates voted that since they had decided on March 12, 1960, not to consolidate that there would not be any reason to hold a meeting at 2523 Glass Street, Chattanooga, Tennessee, on the morning of March 13, 1960, as had been scheduled. He stated the delegates voted that there would be a meeting held at Columbia, South Carolina April 10, 1960, and that each Klan organization would select two delegates to attend this meeting. The purpose of this meeting would be for the delegates to decide upon joint aims and purposes for all Klan organizations to form a central committee for Klan organizations and a plan whereby they could work together for the same accomplishments. Informant advised the meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:30 p.m. on March 12, 1960.

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[] advised that a heated argument resulted during this meeting between two representatives, and that during this argument one of the representatives had a heart attack and had to be removed from the hall.

[] on March 16, 1960, advised that he had had an opportunity to see a letter written on March 13, 1960, by [] Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., Atlanta, Georgia, mailing address [] Atlanta 1, Georgia. This letter from [] stated that he had attended the meeting at Chattanooga, Tennessee, on the night of March 12, 1960, and met with the representatives of other Klan groups. He stated that after seeing these individuals and discussing problems with them, he had discarded the idea of the merger between all Klan groups and thought it now best to build a new order with the kind of material that good Klans are composed of, and not take in Klan members from the already organized Klan groups.

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[redacted]
[redacted] stated he was now concentrating in the formation and organization of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., and would try to build this into a large, strong Klan group. He pointed out in his letter that [redacted] Chattanooga, Tennessee, whom he had given a Kleagle (Organizer) Commission card for the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., had returned his commission to [redacted] by mail without any explanation.

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Special Meeting of Klan
Organizations, Columbia,
South Carolina, April 10, 1960

[redacted] advised on April 23, 1960, that the above meeting was held at Columbia, South Carolina, as planned on April 10, 1960; however, he stated that [redacted] representing the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., of Alabama, was not present.

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Miscellaneous

[] advised on May 4, 1960, that []
[] Knights of the Ku Klux
Klan, Inc., Atlanta, Georgia, reportedly stated that
due to the manner in which the Chattanooga, Tennessee
meeting was conducted on March 12, 1960, he had
decided not to consolidate the other Klan groups in
various parts of the country, but instead decided
to build his own Klan organization without trying
to take over any other Klan group.

[] further stated that [] reportedly
said that he had not attended the scheduled meeting
of Klan organizations while at Columbia, South
Carolina, on the night of April 10, 1960, and had no
intentions of meeting with this group in the future.

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Consolidation Meeting
Atlanta, Georgia,
May 22, 1960

[] advised on May 24, 1960, that leaders
of various Klan groups in the Southeastern United States
gathered at Atlanta, Georgia, in a meeting to further
finalize the consolidation of all Klans for a joint
operation. [] advised that []
[] Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., of Atlanta,
Georgia, was not present. [] also advised that
[] Knights of the Ku Klux
Klan, Atlanta, was not present at the above meeting on
May 22, 1960.

[] advised on May 23, 1960, that
[] stated that while the Atlanta
meeting on May 22, 1960, was well attended, []
[] was not present.

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C. KLONVOCATION - KNIGHTS OF
THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.

Riverdale, Georgia
June 11 and 12, 1960

On June 24, 1960,

[] furnished the following information concerning an executive conference of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., consisting of executive officers of this organization: Grand Dragons, Imperial Officers, Kleagles, and Exalted Cyclops held at the Klan Hall, Riverdale, Georgia, June 11 and 12, 1960:

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A special called meeting of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., was called for June 11 and 12, 1960, at Riverdale, Georgia, by [] Jonesboro, Georgia. First meeting was to begin at 7:00 p.m. on June 11, 1960. The meeting began at 7:00 p.m. on this date under [] All Imperial Officers were seated in their respective stations and Klan ceremonies were opened in the regular form. The Imperial Kladd was then directed to [] [] Alabama Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. [] [] of State of Florida for the KKKK, Inc., [] of the KKKK, Inc., for the State of Mississippi, to the platform. They were introduced by [] to those present. When the meeting began, there were [] delegates present. [] then addressed those present stating that he had no intentions of discriminating against any klansman or various klavern of this organization, but felt that this should be a planning meeting and executive officers. Grand Dragons, Imperial Officers, Kleagles, and Exalted Cyclops should only be present to discuss the various plans of this organization. He stated he appreciated that a number of the such officers could not be present, but that either a Kleagle or an Exalted Cyclops from these various areas was present to represent their various groups.

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[redacted] then asked if there were any resolutions, at which point [redacted] stated they had a joint resolution to enter. [redacted] then read the resolution which had been prepared prior to the meeting by [redacted]

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The resolution was to institute a program whereby all klansmen would work on an educational program to educate everyone as to what the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan stood for including a segregation program opposing integration of schools, churches, and restaurants. It was introduced that they would work with citizens, citizens' groups, teachers, PTA organizations, school and church groups, as to the meaning and definition of a U. S. Citizen under the U. S. Constitution and point out that the Democratic system of the United States Government would be destroyed if complete integration were accomplished.

[redacted] made a motion that the resolution include segregation in hotels, motels, swimming pools, and beaches. This amendment was approved and added to the original resolution which was adopted. [redacted]

The various members and officials present were then asked for their comments concerning the above resolution.

[redacted] Tuscaloosa, Alabama, then spoke to the delegation. He stated he was constantly traveling throughout the State of Alabama in connection with his klan work and that great progress had been made in the State of Alabama by using an educational system and carrying to the people of the State of Alabama the aims and objectives of the klan in preserving segregation throughout the South.

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[redacted] for the State of Mississippi, then spoke to those present stating that he had been using an educational system similar to the one just adopted in the State of Alabama. He pointed out that his group regularly meets with civic groups, teachers, PTA groups, church groups, and other school groups in an effort to preserve segregation in the South.

[redacted] for the State of Florida from Tampa, Florida, then spoke to the group, stating an educational program of the klan had always been the basic part of any klan program, as well as for other fraternal orders and civic groups. He pointed out there had been much criticism and that the klan groups should not become involved in politics. He pointed out that in order to maintain our Democratic system of Government that klansmen must do some politics. They should exercise their right to vote and to contact others and try to persuade those to qualify and vote; that klansmen should take the issues at stake to the people and explain to them by the use of an educational program the aims and purposes of the klan and the preservation of a segregated South. He pointed out that the citizens of Florida had become tired of LEROY COLLINS, Governor, and by taking their program and desires to the people of Florida as a group on a house-to-house type campaign, meeting with civic groups, church groups, they had succeeded in their recent election by electing a Governor of Florida, CARLTON.

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[redacted] All stated they agreed with the discussion and adoption of the resolution as it had been passed. The meeting was then adjourned at approximately 11:00 p.m. to be reconvened at 10:00 a.m., Sunday morning, June 12, 1960. [redacted]

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The executive meeting of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., was reconvened on Sunday morning at the Klavern Hall, Riverdale, Georgia, at 10:00 a.m., June 12, 1960. All officers were seated and [] members were present. This second session began under the [] of this organization.

At the morning session, []

[] plus many others whose names were not recalled, made brief speeches concerning ideas in connection with promotion of the klan in their various areas. The majority of the promotion programs were the same.

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(FNU) [] a resident from the vicinity of Jonesboro, Georgia, who was a former old-time [] U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., under [] expressed his experience in organizing for various klan groups. He stated the best method was to go into a town or community, contact about a dozen men, pick the best one of the lot to serve as his representative and then visit this representative once a week and encourage these twelve men to make additional contacts. On his weekly visits he would pick up the applications already secured and that he stated he had never failed to organize and issue a charter in a community where he had used the above method.

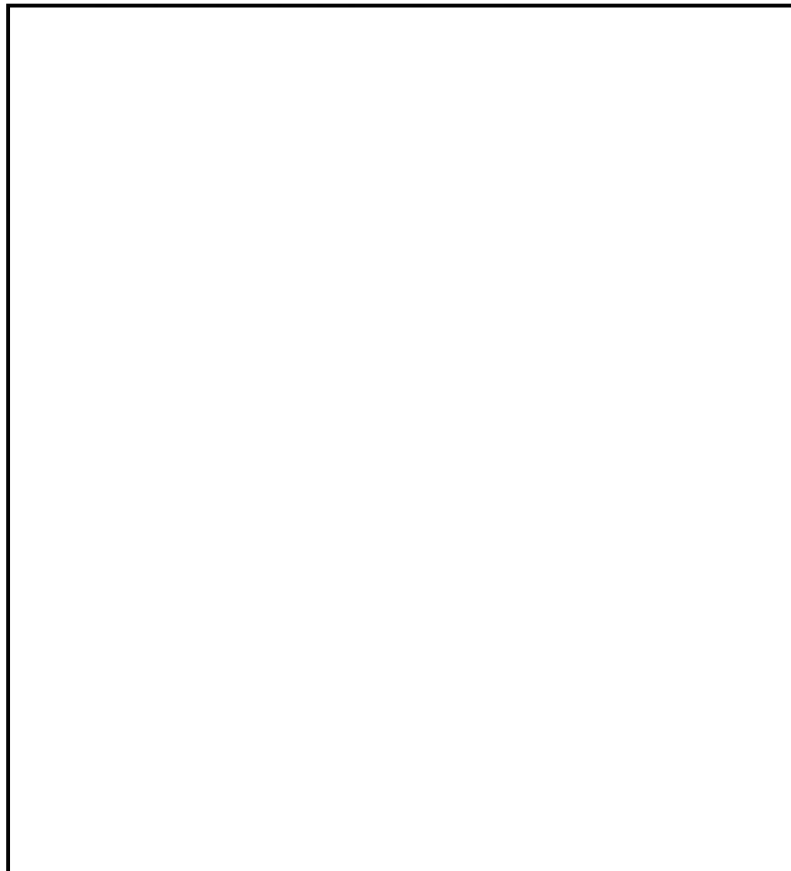
[] made a suggestion that each klavern hold a briefing period once each month for the purpose of the educational program and require all new members to receive special instructions in the klan program as to what it actually stood for, their desires, aims and purposes. [] also made a motion that a program committee be elected to serve as directors in the form of an advisory board on an educational program for the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. This motion was

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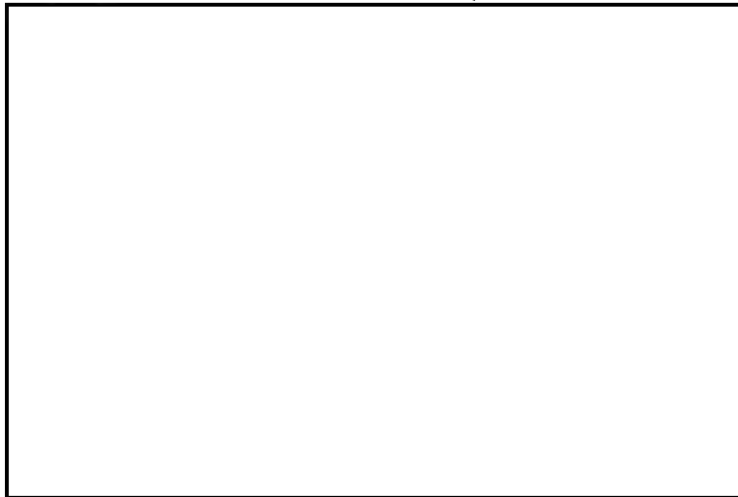
seconded, voted on, and carried. [redacted] was nominated for [redacted] of this committee; however [redacted] pointed out that since the Imperial headquarters of this organization was in Atlanta, that he believed it would be more advisable for the Chairman and the educational committee to reside in the Atlanta area. Those present agreed and [redacted] was elected [redacted] of such a committee. It was decided that [redacted] should elect his own members to serve with him on this committee. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:00 p.m.

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[redacted] advised that the principal leaders present at the meeting of June 11 and 12, 1960, were:



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[redacted] advised of the others present, the majority were from the immediate vicinity of Atlanta, Georgia. He pointed out that the State of South Carolina was represented at this meeting by Exalted Cyclops from one or two klaverns, but he was not able to obtain the name of these individuals or the cities or towns which they represented. He pointed out that the Imperial Kladd, Imperial Kludd, Imperial Klexter, and the Great Titan of Providence 5 were present at this meeting; however, their names were not obtained.

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D. ACTIVITY

[] advised on January 15, 1960, that [] said on January 14, 1960, that he had chartered a unit of his organization at Chattanooga, Tennessee with [] in charge. [] further advised that [] said he expected to start a unit in Mississippi, which was something [] had never been able to do.

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[] advised on January 6, 1960, that officials of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan in Atlanta met with Klan officials of Tennessee at 1:50 p.m. on Sunday, January 3, 1960, at the Boulevard Baptist Church, Chattanooga, Tennessee. [] advised that the Tennessee Klansmen read the charter and documents as presented by [] and they seemed to be in order. All present seemed to want the organization to be a non-profit organization, and that violence would not be tolerated. Nothing was said at this meeting as to the actual opening of a new unit at Chattanooga, Tennessee, however.

[] advised on April 23, 1960, that about thirty to thirty-five automobiles were observed parked at about 8:00 p.m. on April 21, 1960, in front of the klavern located on Highway #78, Mableton, Georgia. [] described the building as being the only two-story building in Mableton. [] said that upon making inquiry, he was told that it was the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. meeting at this address, and was given the following card:

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KU KLUX KLAN

"Is dedicated to the security of America, first, last and forever, and the rehabilitation of a Liberal Christian Faith as exemplified by our Saviour Jesus Christ. We will not compromise or temporize on the question of patriotism or one's duty as a worthy citizen. This is a Country of Laws, American Laws, observance of which, alone, will preserve our Democracy. Each Citizen is entitled to peace and security, to seek this, the right of others must be held inviolate and free from objectionable intrusion or arbitrary invasion. Opposition to the Klan emanates from sources which do not, or will not learn, and evil groups whom we restrain by reflecting the light of truth, where cunning prevails. If no evil intention existed there would be no Criticism of the Klan. Join this Crusade by returning card with your Name and Address to P.O. Box 596, Atlanta 1, Ga. We will treat same in Confidence.

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"KNIGHTS OF KLU KLUX KLAN, INC."

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On April 22, 1960, [] advised that he was told by a Klansman that the latter felt sure that the [] group was meeting in Mableton, []

[] advised on June 8, 1960, that at a meeting of the U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. on June 7, 1960, [] exhibited some propaganda against the Catholics reportedly put out by the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., Post Office Box 596, Atlanta, Georgia. [] said that []

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commented that [] would get into trouble by putting the name of his organization on this type material.

[] advised on June 30, 1960, that [] indicated on June 28, 1960, that he is really against [] and the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. at this time. [] added that [] said [] "slipped in" on him at Gainesville, Georgia, and set up a unit without saying anything about it to [] who had been attempting to do so for some time.

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[] advised on July 15 and August 2, 1960, that he had received no further information concerning activity on the part of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc.

[] advised on July 13, 1960, that [] Rossville, Georgia, Kleagle, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., headquarters, Atlanta, Georgia, had rented the old Masonic Hall in the Long Building, Rossville, Georgia, on every Friday night beginning at 7:30 p.m. [] said that ARP stated that he has formed a Rossville Klavern of this organization, but has not obtained a charter for the unit. [] said that he rented the hall from [], who is one of [] of the Odd Fellows Lodge, Rossville, Georgia. According to [] a closed meeting was held by this Klavern on July 1, 1960, there being only [] members present. [] said that [] is head of this group, and stated he was making progress in organizing the unit, and planned on obtaining a charter within the near future.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Atlanta, Georgia

In Reply, Please Refer to

File No. 157-60

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KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.
RACIAL MATTERS

Reference report of Special Agent [redacted]
[redacted] at Atlanta, Georgia, and captioned as
above.

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All informants referred to in referenced
report have furnished reliable information in the
past.

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TO: Director, FBI (100-356570)

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FROM: SAC, Charlotte (157-114)

KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.
Aka
RACIAL MATTERS

Re Charlotte letter to Bureau and Atlanta 7/29/60.

Referenced letter requested the Atlanta Office to advise the Bureau and Charlotte whether or not it is desired that [] be instructed to attend the consolidation meeting and National Memorial Klan Day on 9/3-4/60, at Atlanta, Georgia, to assist in affording coverage of these events, and requested the Bureau to advise Charlotte in the event Atlanta desires same, whether or not it is approved that [] attend these events, and if so, whether or not special expenses not to exceed [] will be approved to cover his attendance.

It is requested that this matter be resolved as soon as possible in order that arrangements may be made with [] to afford this coverage in the event same is desired.

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- 2 - Atlanta (157-60) (REGISTERED MAIL)
- 3 - Charlotte
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Date: 8/25/60

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Via _____ (Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, ATLANTA (157-60)

SUBJECT : KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX
KLAN, INC., AKA
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Re Charlotte airtel to Director, 8/23/60.

Atlanta desires that [redacted]
 attend the consolidation meeting at Stone Mountain
 over Labor Day Weekend, and recommends that he attend.

- ③ Bureau RM
 1 - Charlotte (157-114)
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Via AIRTEL _____
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (~~100-356570~~)

FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (157-114)

KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, Inc., aka.
RACIAL MATTERS

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Re Atlanta airtel to Bureau 8/25/60 and Bureau airtel
to Charlotte and Atlanta 8/30/60.

On 9/7/60, [redacted], who attended the consoli-
dation of Klans meeting at Atlanta, Ga., on 9/4/60, advised that
the next consolidation meeting of Klans has been scheduled to
begin at 9:00 a.m. 10/23/60 at Savannah, Ga., but the location of
the meeting place is not yet known. The officers of this meeting
will be [redacted] of the Association of
Georgia Klans, of Savannah, Ga., chairman; (FNU) [redacted]
delegate of the Association of Georgia Klan, of Savannah, Ga.,
[redacted] delegate of the Association
of Georgia Klan, of Savannah, Ga., Kligrapp. [redacted] is to
arrange a fishing trip for the delegates at Savannah on 10/22/60.

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The official name for this group was decided to be
"National Ku Klux Klan" at the Atlanta meeting. The final design
of the Klan flag has not yet been officially decided.

[redacted] attended the Atlanta consolidation
meeting as a delegate of the Association of South Carolina Klans,
and expects that if he attends the Savannah, Ga., meeting, it
would be in the same capacity, thereby affording him an opportunity

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- 4 - Charlotte (157-114)
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to attend and cover all meetings. He also advised that accompanying the delegates on the fishing trip would afford an opportunity to become better acquainted with delegates from other Klan groups and to learn more about the operations of the Klan organizations which they represent.

Savannah is requested to advise the Bureau and Charlotte whether it is desired that [] attend this meeting in Savannah on 10/22 and 10/23/60, in order to assist in affording coverage thereto.

The Bureau is requested to advise Charlotte, in the event Savannah desires attendance of [] at this meeting, whether or not it is approved that [] attend both the fishing trip and the consolidation meeting, and whether special expenses not to exceed [] will be approved to cover his attendance.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 9/13/60

FROM : SAC, SAVANNAH (157-NEW)

SUBJECT: KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, Inc., aka
National Ku Klux Klan;
RACIAL MATTERS

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Remylet to Bureau, 8/26/60, captioned
"ASSOCIATION OF GEORGIA KLANS; RACIAL MATTERS," BuFile
105-55089; Charlotte airtel to Bureau, 9/8/60, captioned
as above, and Miami airtel to Knoxville, 9/8/60, captioned
"BOMBING MATTERS, CHATTANOOGA, TENN., JULY and AUGUST 1960;
BOMBING MATTERS," (no copy to Charlotte).

It is noted that various klan groups are
consolidating as the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., or
National Ku Klux Klan.

Referenced Charlotte airtel indicates
that the next consolidation meeting is scheduled for Savannah,
Ga., on 10/23/60 with [redacted] of the
Association of Georgia Klans, [redacted]

As pointed out in referenced Savannah
letter of 8/26/60, the Association of Georgia Klans (AGK)
is a splinter group organized by [redacted] of
the U. S. Klans in Savannah prior to being ousted. Inves-
tigation concerning AGK to date indicates that this is a
loosely knit group which is not known to hold any regular
meetings, but has been responsible for some cross burnings
in the Savannah area. Efforts are being made to ascertain
further details concerning this group and every effort is
being made to develop adequate informant coverage.

The Association of South Carolina Klans
(ASCK) is also affiliated with captioned organization and it
is anticipated that the Savannah Division will have some

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informant coverage from the ASCK at the meeting in Savannah on 10/23/60. The extent of this coverage is unknown at this time. It is believed desirable, therefore, to have [redacted] attend this meeting. Any office sending informants are requested to have them be alert for any information that they may develop concerning [redacted] and his group, the AGK, which would be of interest to this office.

It is further noted that referenced Miami airtel of 9/8/60, refers to information furnished by [redacted] indicating that [redacted] of the AGK, were "associated with the Dixie Knights of the KKK."

Knoxville and Miami are requested to furnish any further information available indicating that these persons or the AGK are connected with the Dixie Knights of the KKK.

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Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO Director, FBI (~~100-356570~~)
FROM SAC, Atlanta (157-60)
RE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.
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Re Bureau airtel 9/14/60, captioned ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH CAROLINA KLANS, KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, RM.

Enclosed to Bureau are eight copies of letterhead memorandum, one copy each being designated for Charlotte and Savannah Offices in view of their interest in this matter.

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1 - Charlotte (RM AM) Encl. 1 157-19
1 - Savannah (RM AM) Encl. 1 105-297
1 - Atlanta 157-60
1 - Atlanta 61-56
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In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Atlanta, Georgia
September 16, 1960

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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DATE 8/16/88 BY SP8/tyj/ok

KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.

The Atlanta Journal and The Atlanta Constitution, daily newspapers published in Atlanta, Georgia, in their combined edition of Sunday, September 4, 1960, carried the following article:

"KLAN SPEAKERS LASH U. S., STATE LEADERSHIP
By John Pennington

"Ku Klux Klansmen, robed, hooded and masked, gathered at the foot of Stone Mountain Saturday night. They burned two fiery crosses and deep into the night, shouted fiery speeches across a moonlit pasture.

"Speakers, chief of whom was a Baptist preacher from Columbus, assaulted the present leadership of the state and nation, both presidential candidates and integration.

"A ~~red~~ robed imperial officer who identified himself as C. H. Maddox of Savannah, of the Georgia Assn. of Klans, said the meeting consisted of representatives of 27 'splinter' Klan groups which have consolidated themselves into the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

"He said the well-known U.S. Klan, Knights of the KKK, whose imperial wizard, Eldon Edwards of College Park, recently died, is not a member of the association.

"Maddox said the Klansmen wore masks because they had that right on private property. A state anti-mask law makes the wearing of masks in public places illegal.

"Approximately 300 persons were scattered across a large pasture, listening to booming voices coming from the platform of a flat-bed truck. A country music band played for the occasion.

"Klansmen were ragaled in red, purple, green, white, and black robes. Many of them wore masks across their faces, hiding their identity. The black-robed individuals, known in Klan terminology as 'night-hawks', wore skull and cross-bones insignias. Several of those present wore full-scale Confederate uniforms.

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"Introduced as chief speaker was ~~Jack Johnson~~ of Columbus, described as publisher and owner of the Georgia Tribune, a segregationist paper, and pastor of a Baptist Tabernacle.

"He attacked the NAACP, presidential candidates Nixon and Kennedy, Catholicism, and the present state administration.

"Maddox said a national meeting of Klan officers and representatives is to be held Sunday."

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157-263

Miami, Florida
SEP 16 1960

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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Re: NATIONAL KU KLUX KLAN,
Also known as
National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan
Consolidated Meeting of the Knights
of the Ku Klux Klan Meeting at
Stone Mountain and Atlanta, Georgia
9/2 - 5/60

A source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised as follows on September 6, 1960.

A meeting of the National Ku Klux Klan was held as scheduled for the Labor Day week-end at Stone Mountain, Georgia. On Friday, September 2, 1960, Klan members began to gather at the Henry Grady Hotel, Atlanta, Georgia. No formal meetings were held on this date due to poor planning and lack of coordination on the part of Klan officials.

By 10:30 A. M., September 3, 1960, Klan members began to gather at Stone Mountain, Georgia, and at noon time approximately 250 people were present. Very little was accomplished during the day and at 6:00 P. M., a formal "speech making" meeting was held, at which time approximately 800 persons were present.

[redacted] of Columbus, Georgia, was the principal speaker. In his speech he did not advocate violence but did condemn the Catholics, Jews, and Negroes.

[redacted] of Columbus, South Carolina, was dressed in a blue robe and made a speech against school integration.

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Re: [redacted]

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Re: NATIONAL KU KLUX KLAN, Also Known As
National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan
Consolidated Meeting of the Knights
of the Ku Klux Klan Meeting at
Stone Mountain and Atlanta, Georgia
9/2 - 5/60

[redacted] of Chattanooga, Tennessee, spoke
on constitutional government and [redacted] of Florida
made a speech in which he condemned the Jews and Negroes.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:00 P. M.

A closed convention meeting, which started at
9:00 A. M., September 4, 1960, was held in Room 300 at
the Henry Grady Hotel in Atlanta. Approximately 20 persons
attended this meeting, which lasted until 3:30 P. M.

The following were in attendance:

Alabama - Federation of the Ku Klux Klan of Alabama

[redacted]

Dixie Klan of Alabama

[redacted]

Anderson, Alabama

Arkansas - Association of Arkansas Klans

[redacted]

Two unknown males, white, ages, [redacted]

The [redacted]

which landed at Gunn Airport near Stone Mountain

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Re: National Ku Klux Klan, Also Known As
National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan
Consolidated Meeting of the Knights
of the Ku Klux Klan Meeting at
Stone Mountain and Atlanta, Georgia
9/2 - 5/60

Florida - Association of Florida Klan

[redacted]
Delegates: [redacted]

Southern Knights of the Ku Klux Klan

[redacted]
(a member of the South Carolina Klan)

Georgia - Association of Georgia Klans

[redacted] Bloomingdale, Georgia
[redacted] Savannah, Georgia
[redacted] unknown white males

South Carolina - Association of South Carolina Klans

[redacted] departed before
meeting started as [redacted]

[redacted] unknown white males attended meeting.

Tennessee - Dixie Knights of the Ku Klux Klan

[redacted], Chattanooga, Tenn.

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Re: NATIONAL KU KLUX KLAN, Also Known As
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Consolidated Meeting of the Knights
of the Ku Klux Klan Meeting at
Stone Mountain and Atlanta, Georgia
9/2 - 5/60

Delegate: [redacted] Chattanooga, Tennessee 64

Both had to leave and did not attend meeting
on September 4, 1960 as they had to return to
Chattanooga for business reasons

Dixie Knights of the Ku Klux Klan
(North Georgia Division)

Delegates: [redacted] Summerville, Georgia
[redacted] Royalston, Georgia

North Carolina and Texas were not represented at this
meeting. [redacted] of Charlotte, North Carolina, brought
several robes which he turned over to [redacted] of New
Smyrna, Florida, but [redacted] did not attend the meeting.

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Several speeches were made, which included a speech
by [redacted] of Florida [redacted] of Alabama, [redacted]
[redacted] of Arkansas, and [redacted] of Miami,
Florida. The speeches were on various subjects, including
Communism, school integration, and the forthcoming presiden-
tial election. It was generally agreed that the Klan members
should not go on record but should work for Vice-President
Nixon privately.

A discussion was held concerning the purchase of
a public address system. It was resolved and passed that a
\$400.00 public address system be purchased. A donation of
\$118.00 was set aside for this purpose.

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Re [redacted]

Re: NATIONAL KU KLUX KLAN, Also Known As
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Consolidated Meeting of the Knights
of the Ku Klux Klan Meeting at
Stone Mountain and Atlanta, Georgia
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It was resolved and passed that the next meeting would be held October 23, 1960 in Savannah, Georgia, at the De Soto Hotel.

It was resolved and passed that their name be changed from the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan to the National Ku Klux Klan.

It was resolved and passed that the Klan flag, as previously designed, could not be accepted in view of its reference to Stone Mountain, Georgia, which in itself is a violation of Georgia law. It was decided that the matter of the Klan flag would be discussed at their next meeting.

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Date: 9/28/60

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (157-263)ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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DATE 8-16-88 BY SP8/BJ/JSRE: KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC., aka.
National Ku Klux Klan
RACIAL MATTERS

OO - Atlanta

Re Savannah letter to Bureau, 9/13/60.

[redacted] advised on 9/27/60, that he has known [redacted] of the Association of Georgia Klans (AGK) for approximately one year, and first met them when they attended the first consolidated meeting held by the Klan.

CI stated his association with the Dixie Knights of the Ku Klux Klan would be limited. [redacted] have both advised CI that they have been to Tennessee and South Carolina on request from the Dixie Klan to make speeches and participate in "car caravans." CI stated that it is his understanding [redacted] were formerly connected with the U.S. Klan in Georgia.

CI related that during the last meeting of the National Ku Klux Klan held at Stone Mountain, Ga., on Labor Day week-end,

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3 - Miami (2 - 157-263) (1 - [redacted])

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[redacted] invited CI to [redacted]
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consolidated meeting scheduled for 10/23/60.

Savannah is requested to immediately advise the Bureau and Miami if they desire [redacted] to attend the above scheduled meetings. If so desired, the Bureau is [redacted] expense money for CI to attend the Savannah meetings.

It is noted that the possibility exists that CI may not be able to attend; if so, Savannah will be advised.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: SEP 16 1960

FROM : SAC, MIAMI (157-263)

SUBJECT:

NATIONAL KU KLUX KLAN, aka.,
 National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan
 Consolidated Meeting of the Knights
 of the Ku Klux Klan, Meeting at
 Stone Mountain and Atlanta, Georgia
 9/2 - 5/60
 RACIAL MATTERS

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ReBulet to Miami, 8/30/60, authorizing [redacted]
 [redacted] to attend meeting of captioned group on Labor Day
 week-end at Stone Mountain, Georgia.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies of
 letterhead memorandum concerning this meeting. Copies
 are being submitted for the information of the offices
 designated.

Miami source is [redacted], whose informant
 report has not been authenticated to date but original
 report will be filed in Miami File [redacted]

Careful consideration has been given to the
 source concealed in enclosed letterhead memorandum and
 his identity was concealed only where necessary.

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- 1 - Savannah (Encl. 1) (RM)
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Date: 10/28/60

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DATE 8-16-88 BY SP8/aj/etKNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.
RM

[redacted] advised on 8/30/60 that [redacted]
[redacted] U. S. Klans, Knights of the
Ku Klux Klan, Inc., on 8/25/60 asked Klansman [redacted]
to arrange a [redacted] of captioned
organization. [redacted] stated that [redacted] is
interested in uniting some of the various klan groups.

However, informant advised on 10/28/60 that as
far as he knows, no such meeting has been arranged to
date and that at a meeting of officials of the U. S. Klans
on the night of 10/27/60 it was reported that an open
naturalization service held by the Knights of the Ku Klux
Klan, Inc., within the past few days at Jonesboro, Georgia,
was a "flop" and it was not believed the organization was
making any progress.

Informant is of the opinion an effort will be
made to unite certain members of the Knights of the Ku Klux
Klan, Inc., with the U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux
Klan, Inc.

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A I R M A I L

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (66-16458)
FROM : SAC, SAVANNAH (157-210)
SUBJECT: KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.,
aka National Ku Klux Klan;
RACIAL MATTERS

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Re Miami airtel to Bureau, 9/28/60.

The Savannah Office desires that
[redacted] attend the meeting of captioned organiza-
tion in Savannah on 10/23/60. It would also be highly
desirable, if possible, to have informant [redacted]

[redacted] the meeting of captioned organization, in order
that informant may obtain additional information concerning
the activities of the AGK.

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3-Miami (2 - 157-263)(1 [redacted])
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REGISTERED MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-356570)

FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (157-193)

NATIONAL KU KLUX KLAN,
CONSOLIDATION MEETINGS
RACIAL MATTERS

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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DATE 8/6/88 BY SP-8 BTJ/fde

Re Jacksonville airtel to Savannah 10/26/60.

On 10/23/60, [redacted] attended the National Ku Klux Klan meeting held at the Desota Hotel, Savannah, Ga., acting in the capacity of outer guard for the meeting, which enabled him to furnish identity of all delegates present, and details of all discussions which took place, a full resume of which is being prepared, for dissemination to interested field offices.

[redacted] advised that the next National KKK meeting will be held at Texarkana, Texas, on Dec. 10th or 11th, 1960.

Dallas and Little Rock are requested to advise Bureau and Charlotte whether it is desired that [redacted] be instructed to attend this meeting, or whether Dallas and Little Rock can afford some adequate coverage from other available sources.

Bureau is requested, upon receipt of recommendations from Dallas and Little Rock, to advise Charlotte whether [redacted] should be instructed to attend the meeting, and if his attendance is desired whether or not special expenses not to exceed [redacted] will be authorized to cover his expenses in doing so.

3 - Bureau (100-356570 and [redacted] M)

2 - Little Rock (RM)

2 - Dallas (RM)

4 - Charlotte [redacted] (1 - 157-193) (1 - 105-469)
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-356570) [redacted]

FROM : SAC, DALLAS (105-275)

SUBJECT: NATIONAL KU KLUX KLAN,
CONSOLIDATION MEETINGS
RACIAL MATTERSALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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DATE 8/6/88 BY SP8 PJA/fat

Re Charlotte airtel to Bureau, 10/31/60.

[redacted] advised on 11/1/60, that National Meeting of KKK held at Savannah on 10/23/60, was attended by [redacted] Texarkana, Tex., and [redacted] and another member from Pine Bluff, Ark. Informant is aware of proposed National Meeting at Texarkana in 12/60, but has received no info as to plans for the meeting. Interested offices will be kept advised as these plans are formulated.

[redacted] will definitely attend this meeting, and will be the only informant [redacted] to attend. This informant is well acquainted with most prominent members of the Association of Arkansas Klans (AAK) throughout the State of Arkansas, but knows no Klan members from the Southeastern part of the U.S. In view of this, it is felt that the presence of [redacted] would be of value to afford better coverage and to assist in identifying persons attending from other Klan groups other than the AAK.

Copies for info of Little Rock and Savannah in view of their interest in this matter.

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3 - Bureau (100-356570) [redacted] (RM)
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-356,870) [redacted]

FROM: SAC, LITTLE ROCK (105-89)RE: NATIONAL KU KLUX KLAN,
CONSOLIDATION MEETINGS
RACIAL MATTERSALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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DATE 8-16-88 BY SP-127/101

Re Charlotte airtel to Bureau, 10/31/60, requesting to be advised concerning the advisability of [redacted] attending the proposed meeting at Texarkana, Texas, on December 10 or 11, 1960.

Little Rock informants [redacted]

[redacted] are expected to attend the meeting; however, none of these informants are acquainted with Klan leaders in other parts of the country. It is believed that the presence of [redacted] would be of value in identifying Klan leaders from other parts of the country.

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- 4 - Bureau
 - 4 - Charlotte (157-193) (137-1467) (105-469) (157-114) (Info.)
 - 1 - Dallas (105-275) (Info.)
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To: SACs, Charlotte (157-193)
Little Rock (105-89)

From: Director, FBI (100-358570)

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NATIONAL KU KLUX KLAN,
CONSOLIDATION MEETINGS
RACIAL MATTERS

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Re Charlotte airtel 10/31/60, Dallas airtel 11/4/60,
and Little Rock airtel 11/8/60.

Authority is hereby granted for [redacted] to
attend proposed meeting of captioned organization to be held
at Texarkana, Arkansas, weekend of 12/10/60. Charlotte is
hereby authorized to reimburse informant up to \$175 for actual
expenses incurred by him in connection with his attendance
at this meeting. Such expenditures should be based upon
itemized statement of expenses from the informant. This
amount is in addition to the regular expense authorization
for this informant.

1 - Dallas (105-275) (for information)

NOTE: [redacted] who belongs
[redacted] Klaverns of the Association of [redacted]
[redacted] the Klaverns. He is also [redacted]
[redacted] Ku Klux Klan and has [redacted]
[redacted] of captioned
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 11/17/60

FROM : SAC, Charlotte (157-193)

Attention: Mechanical Section

SUBJECT: NATIONAL KU KLUX KLAN
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Enclosed herewith are photographs of the following, obtained by [redacted] who took same, on 10/23/60, while at the National Ku Klux Klan meeting in Savannah, Ga.

1. Photograph taken of persons on platform at National Klan Day, Stone Mountain, Georgia, on 9/3/60, in which photograph informant can identify six persons. (28 copies of this photograph should be made, and forwarded to Charlotte for appropriate distribution.)

2. Photograph taken of persons in attendance at meeting of National Ku Klux Klan at Atlanta, Georgia, 9/4/60, in which 20 persons are identified. (36 copies should be made, and forwarded to Charlotte for distribution.)

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1 - Charlotte (157-193)

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Reference is made to your letter dated
November 17, 1960, transmitting photographs
pertaining to the above-captioned matter.

In accordance with your request, prints
have been made; and the prints, negatives, and
originals are being forwarded to your office
herewith.

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
Attention: FBI Laboratory

DATE: 11/15/60

FROM : SAC, MIAMI (157-263) ✓

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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DATE 8-16-88 BY SP8 MJP/ST

SUBJECT: KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.,
aka National Ku Klux Klan;
Consolidated Meeting Held
Labor Day Weekend, 1960, Atlanta
and Stone Mountain, Georgia
RACIAL MATTERS

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On 10/26/60, [redacted] made available the three enclosed photographs taken of Klan Officials at captioned meeting. Efforts to date by the Miami Office to make additional prints of these photographs have not been satisfactory.

In order that all offices concerned may be furnished copies of these photographs, the Laboratory is requested to make twenty (20) copies of each print and furnish same to Miami. In addition, the Laboratory is requested to attempt to make an enlargement of the individual marked number 7 in print number 1 and the individual marked number 14 in print number 2. This individual is [redacted] of the Tampa Office.

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- 3 - Bureau (Encl. 3)
- 1 - Tampa (157-90) (Info)
- 2 - Miami (157-263)

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RACIAL MATTERS

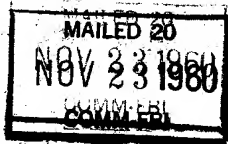
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Reurlet November 15, 1960, submitting three
photographs and requesting twenty copies each and
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The photographs that you requested are attached.
The original photographs and the negatives from which the
prints were made are also returned herewith.

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Mr. Ingram	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (157-263)

- ① KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.,
 aka., National Ku Klux Klan,
 ② Majority Citizens League,
 ③ National Klunklave Meeting,
 Texarkana, Arkansas, Texas
 12/10, 11/60
 RACIAL MATTERS

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 listed Offices for information.

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To: SAC, Miami (157-263)

From: Director, FBI

KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.,
AKA., NATIONAL KU KLUX KLAN,
MAJORITY CITIZENS LEAGUE,
NATIONAL KLONKLAVE MEETING,
TEXARKANA, ARKANSAS, TEXAS
12/10, 11/60
RACIAL MATTERS

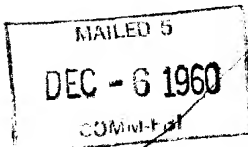
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Re Miami airtel dated 12-2-60.

Information contained in reairtel should be
included in a letterhead memorandum suitable for
dissemination and original and seven copies submitted
to Bureau.

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(Priority or Method of Mailing)**TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-92)****FROM: SAC, LITTLE ROCK (157-15)**

**KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.,
AKA NATIONAL KU KLUX KLAN, MAJORITY
CITIZENS LEAGUE, NATIONAL KONKLAVE
MEETING, TEXARKANA, ARKANSAS-TEXAS
DECEMBER 10, 11, 1960
RACIAL MATTERS**

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Re Little Rock airtel to Bureau and designated offices
12/16/60, and Bureau airtel to Little Rock 12/21/60.

Enclosed to the Bureau are eight copies of a letterhead memorandum dated December 23, 1960, and captioned "KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC., AKA NATIONAL KU KLUX KLAN, MAJORITY CITIZENS LEAGUE, NATIONAL KONKLAVE MEETING, TEXARKANA, ARKANSAS-TEXAS, DECEMBER 10 AND 11, 1960," copies of which have been furnished CIC, OSI and ONI locally. One copy of letterhead memorandum is enclosed for Dallas.

The two confidential sources who furnished information in enclosed memorandum are .

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3 - Bureau (Enc. 8) (RM)
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Little Rock, Arkansas
December 23, 1960

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KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN,
AKA NATIONAL KU KLUX KLAN,
MAJORITY CITIZENS LEAGUE,
NATIONAL KONKLAVE MEETING,
TEXARKANA, ARKANSAS-TEXAS,
DECEMBER 10 AND 11, 1960

[redacted] sources who have furnished reliable information in the past advised captioned meeting was held at the Odd Fellows Hall, Texarkana, Texas, on December 10 and 11, 1960, and the following individuals were identified among those present:

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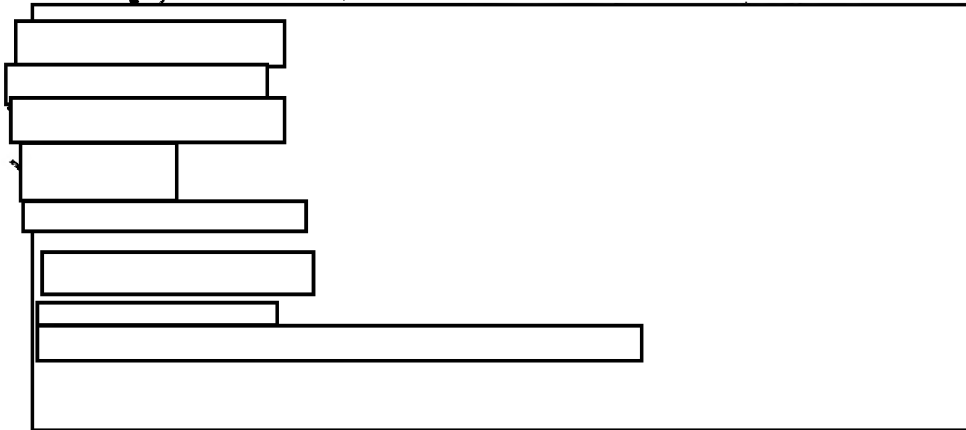
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ENCLOSURE

RE: KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.
AKA NATIONAL KU KLUX KLAN,
MAJORITY CITIZENS LEAGUE,
NATIONAL KONKLAWE MEETING,
TEXARKANA, ARKANSAS-TEXAS,
DECEMBER 10 AND 11, 1960



The meeting at the Odd Fellows Hall started at 6:00 PM on December 10, 1960, with a meal. Following the meal, [redacted] served as [redacted] urged respect for Federal Government and stated citizens should fight for their way of life. He suggested formation of "branch" group of Klan groups to be known by other names such as "Sons of Liberty" to be organized by and controlled by the Klan.

[redacted] took issue with [redacted] claiming he joined the Klan when he was [redacted] years old and he did not want any names changed. [redacted] of Houston also objected, claiming such a name gave the "NAACP something to fight," and urged Klansmen to educate the people about the Klansman's way of thinking.

[redacted] of Florida claimed the people of Florida had such an organization organized to combat immigration into Florida and desired this group be expanded into other states.

[redacted] claimed such would not be effective because the Klan must control a branch organization and it could not control one already begun.

[redacted] stated Florida had tried a number of such groups such as the Citizens Committee, Sons of Liberty and Christian Rights Committee, and all had been allowed to drop and each state should organize as it saw fit.

[redacted] insisted that meetings of the Klan open and close [redacted] was allowed to offer prayers.

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AKA NATIONAL KU KLUX KLAN,
MAJORITY CITIZENS LEAGUE,
NATIONAL KONKLAWE MEETING,
TEXARKANA, ARKANSAS-TEXAS,
DECEMBER 10 AND 11, 1960

[] said he did not think the picketing with Negroes was that of Klansmen as the only way to picket a Negro was with an ax handle or a club as they did in Florida when he went down there to the sit-in demonstration. He said that when he got home he got a call from a newspaper to let them write an article for the southern people so they would come to Florida on vacation instead of just northern people. He agreed to write such an article if they would get rid of all their Negro help, which the individual representing the newspaper agreed to do and [] wrote the article. He held this incident up as an example of what could be done by using force to combat the Negro. He claimed the people of Florida call him the Southern Governor of the Ku Klux Klan.

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[] appointed a committee on the subject
[] and also composed of []

[] of Pine Bluff, Arkansas, said he thought the Post Offices were holding up Klan mail. He said the Post Office had Negro employees sorting mail and if the Negro got to be Postmaster General of the United States the Klan should have a code to use in mail as the Postmaster General had the right to open mail or read it by the use of machines without opening it.

[] claimed the Klan already had proper codes and should use them.

[] from Tennessee arrived at this point in the meeting and were introduced around. [] of the group.

[] asked the outcome of the national meeting before the previous one where a committee had been designated to design a flag for the Klan.

[] replied that pictures of Stone Mountain taken could not be printed as it was against state law and the matter should be taken up at this meeting.

[] then appointed a flag committee and other committees and instructed the committees to meet at the Grim Hotel following the general meeting.

RE: KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.
AKA NATIONAL KU KLUX KLAN,
MAJORITY CITIZENS LEAGUE,
NATIONAL KONKLAVE MEETING,
TEXARKANA, ARKANSAS-TEXAS,
DECEMBER 10 AND 11, 1960

Group meetings were held at the Grim Hotel until 1:00 AM on December 11, 1960. Activities on the following day started at 8:30 AM and consisted of individual committee meetings, each one being attended only by individuals appointed to that committee.

[redacted] said the next National Konklave would be held in Louisiana in six weeks. Thereafter it was determined that this meeting would be held at Baton Rouge, Louisiana, between January 14 and February 1, 1961, with the exact date not set. The Texarkana meeting ended at 1:45 PM on December 11, 1960.

During the course of the Texarkana meeting it was learned that Klansman [redacted] of Pine Bluff, Arkansas, had agreed to form a United Southern Employees Association for [redacted] at Pine Bluff, Arkansas, and that [redacted] had given [redacted] a box of literature and bylaws of the Union with the request that [redacted] begin signing members. [redacted] said he would get a charter for [redacted]

A total of 40 persons attended the night meeting on December 10, 1960, and a total of 29 at the day meeting on December 11, 1960.

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NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.
(NKKKK)

A source advised that on May 22, 1960, the National Grand Council of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan met at Atlanta, Georgia, to discuss consolidation of the Klan's unity of effort and activities to establish a National Fund, and a National Secretary, and to design a new flag. The meeting was attended by representatives of the Federation of the Ku Klux Klan, Alabama; Association of the Arkansas Klans, Arkansas; Florida Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Florida; Southern Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Florida; Association of Georgia Klans, Georgia; Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, North Carolina; Association of South Carolina Klans, South Carolina; Dixie Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Tennessee; and Kykses Klan, Texas.

This source advised that at a consolidation meeting at Atlanta, Georgia, September 2-5, 1960, at which the North Carolina and Texas Klans were not represented, it was resolved and passed that their names be changed to National Ku Klux Klan.

[redacted] source advised in March, 1964, that several meetings of Klan groups were held during the period 1960-1963, in an effort to unite the Klan groups under a single leadership.

The organization was granted a charter in DeKalb County, Georgia, November 1, 1963, under the name National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., as a "patriotic, secret, social, and benevolent order".

[redacted] source advised in December, 1963, that the organization had issued a statement of its progress which indicated the organization to be anti-Negro, anti-Jewish, anti-Catholic, and anti-foreign born.

[redacted] source advised on May 9, 1973, that the organization has moved its headquarters to the property of [redacted] at Stone Mountain, Georgia. A new building will be built at the site and this will be considered the headquarters of the organization.

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NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.
(NKKKK)

The National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., (NKKKK) was granted a charter in Georgia in 1963 as a "patriotic, secret, social, and benevolent order". The NKKKK, a consolidation of various Klans in southern states, continues to be anti-Negro, anti-Jewish, anti-Catholic, and anti-foreign born.

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